



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 15, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

GPA Wingspan; Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, and Larry Tamayo.

EXCUSED:

Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, Michael Rodrigues, and Anne Spitzberg

GPA STAFF PRESENT AND SPEAKING GUESTS OR VISITORS:

John Bartholomew, Jane Levenson, Jenny Parsons, Paz Garcia Ramirez, Melissa Bitanga, Sandra Meza, Rayonna Davis, Jameia Johnson, Carolina Ruiz, Giovanna Ruiz, Suzan Devera, Jazmine Scott, Sergio Suarez, and Shelly Buono.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and reminded those present about the Brown Act. Following the Brown Act, the public can comment on anything not on the agenda, which would then be put on the agenda of a future meeting if the board felt it needed to be discussed. He asked for any public comments and there were none. Board members reviewed the agenda items and minutes from the March 20, 2018 board meeting.

Motion to approve March 20, 2018's minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Mehan 7 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No report submitted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Riveroll welcomed everyone to the meeting and then presented about All Staff professional development (PD) on Monday, April 2nd, which included a buffet breakfast and PD in groups. Serena Pariser, a former GPA teacher, presented from her book, *Real Talk about Classroom Management*. The second session was presented by UCSD Integrated English Language Development. On April 4, GPA hosted a well-attended financial aid parent meeting, where UCSD Financial Aid officers discussed loans, grants and scholarships. Quarter 3 finals in all grades were administered April 10-13, with over 7,500 finals being given. Finally, the month ended with more than 400 Student-Led Parent Conferences.

Middle School had a perfect attendance competition in April and Ms. Chatman's 7th grade class earned the highest attendance. MAP Testing occurred in middle school classes and the high school will test in June. UCSD GPA Alumni from the classes of 2015 & 2016 came to share with our students the lessons they've learned about how to be successful in college. Two suggestions were to live on campus and stay strong in their beliefs, even when family tries to persuade otherwise. Musical Production's final performance of the year, the 'Motown' Show, wowed the audiences with their renditions of Motown favorites. Over 300 GPA students auditioned for 60 seats of musical production classes for 2018-19. Saturday, April 21st was the Founder's Day Carnival hosted by GPA parents and staff members. On May 7 and 8, San Diego Youth Services presented "Here Now" suicide prevention to GPA 7th graders. April was Poetry Month at GPA, with "poem in your pocket," various poetry slams and our first GPA

Poetry Contest hosted by the library. All of these avenues provided great opportunities for students to improve their public speaking skills.

On Monday, April 23rd UCSD/CASP hosted the Chancellor Associates Scholars reception. Thirty-five GPA seniors have submitted their intent to enroll at UCSD. Girl's varsity softball coach, Scott Hernandez, was selected as Padres High School Coach of the Week and featured on Fox Sports. AP testing is currently in its second week and students are leaving the exams feeling challenged, but confident. Scores for the AP exams are released in July. Teacher Appreciation Week included a luncheon hosted by GPA parents, a daily raffle of gift cards along with a daily gift and the Staff Awards. This year's awardees were: Ms. Katherine Beck as Middle School Teacher of the Year, Mr. Rory Kelly as High School Teacher of the Year, Mr. Jim Winters as Male Staff Member of the Year & Ms. Natalie Bianco as Female Staff Member of the Year.

Eagles Around the City: Current junior Karelíe Oh won the Lions Speech Contest; the girls varsity softball team participated in Softball Day; the cheer team competed in the Middle School Cheer Competition (took 1st place in performance cheer; GPA students were accepted at UCLA this year; Mr. Brault's class went to Cabrillo National Monument; and Adventure Club went boarding at Tidelands Park. Seventy-three of our English Learner (EL) students will be honored at a reclassification celebration this Thursday with 26% reclassifying this year, which is an increase of 4% from last year. Senior Prom is this Saturday and May 22 is 2018 Grad Night at Disneyland. May 30-June 15 will be the Senior Talks from 9:00 am-1:30 pm daily. Quarter 4 finals are May 29-June 1 and June 4-15 is CAASPP. Graduation is Friday, June 22nd at 3:00 pm with the keynote speech presented by George Kalogridis, president of Walt Disney World Resort. Summer session at GPA will be July 9-27, enabling several students to make up or raise their grades in required A-G courses. Additionally, Ken Mosley, professional musical theater actor, will be teaching three "summer intensive" workshops for our Musical Production students during that time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

A. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Chodzko reviewed the March 2018 financials that he directed everyone to in their Board Docs. P2 Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was 96.1%. GPA has \$4.1 million dollars of cash on hand as of March 1st and is projected to have \$3.5 million dollars in June. Currently, GPA's debt is \$0 with a projected income for 2017-18 of \$15.6 million and total expenses being \$15.1 million. As of March 31, 2018 the accounts receivable balance was \$0.

Motion for acceptance of March's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins/Hurlbert 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

B. ExED Agreement:

Mr. Chodzko discussed the agreement GPA has with ExED. The Finance Committee is recommending approval of the 2018-19 ExED Agreement, which will cost \$210,000 and is an increase of 4% from last year's fee. Dr. Mehan complimented Mr. Tamayo on his exemplary work and his professional relationship with GPA.

Motion for approval of the ExED Agreement as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan/Steppe 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

C. ExED CALPADS Agreement:

ExED offers support with our CALPADS reporting that is uploaded to the CALPADS site annually. ExED will be charging GPA \$16,646 for the service for 2018-19, which is a 3% increase from this past year.

Motion for approval of the ExED CALPADS Agreement as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert/Lobbins 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

D. New Circuit to extend Phone/Internet service to West Wing office space

Ms. Parsons presented about the need to move staff to the West Wing and because of that, the need to connect phone/internet service across the street. Mr. Suarez reached out to SDUSD who will be helping us do this. First year is expensive, running \$900 per month, or \$10,800 for the year. In future years, it will run about 20% of that amount. Mr. Tamayo confirmed that GPA has sufficient funds for this expense. This is a year by year contract.

Motion for approval as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan/Lobbins 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

E. GPA Vehicles:

A donor, Legler/Benbough, provided GPA with \$65,000 to acquire two more vehicles for transporting students, which are needed. The total cost for the two proposed vehicles is \$74,000, costing approximately \$10,000 more than the grant.

Motion for approval of Two New GPA Vehicles as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins/Mehan 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

F. 2018-19 CharterSAFE Policy and Fees:

GPA seeks approval of \$192,210 for next year's insurance policy and associated fees.

Motion for approval of the 2018-19 CharterSAFE Policy and Fees as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko/Mehan 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

G. 2018-19 LCAP Update:

The Local Control Accountability Plan encompasses eleven goals tied to our charter and WASC goals. Ms. Parsons and Mr. Tamayo will be going deeper with the finances and the plan, and will bring that information back to the Finance Committee and, if needed, the Executive Committee.

Motion for approval of the 2018-19 LCAP Update as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan/Hurlbert 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

H. LCAP Addendum:

The Addendum that is intended to meet the goals of the LCAP (State Plan), so the addendum is about meeting the goals of Title I, II & III, which are the federal programs.

Motion for approval of the LCAP Addendum as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko/Lobbins 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

I. 2018-19 Budget:

Mr. Tamayo called the board's attention to the budget in Board Docs. The planned enrollment is 1,330, with budgeting for 95% of an ADA rate as GPA had 96% of an ADA rate this school year. The budget also plans for 84% of the students to receive free and reduced meals, and 21% being ELL students. January's proposed state funding is in this budget, which does not take into account the May revised numbers, which are actually better. GPA won't get the CA Board approved budget until end of June and the state could still make changes to one time funds. Dr. Mehan asked about Special Education money and whether these funds are adequate. AD Levenson explained that the budgeted amount is not enough, but the extra money needed comes from the Special Education encroachment monies. GPA does have large excess cost for Special Education, but it is nothing compared to what would have been paid if GPA had stayed with SDUSD for

services. AD Levenson explained that in 2009 there were 85 students with IEP's, and this year there are over 200 students with IEP's.

Mr. Tamayo explained that certificated salaries have risen, as people become more experienced. Benefits have also increased as STRS is increasing to 16% next year and will continue to rise to 19% in future years. PERS will increase to 18% next year and eventually will go up to 24%. \$1.3 million of the budget is for employees' health benefits. Mr. Steppe asked if there's an item to be concerned about in the future, and Mr. Tamayo mentioned "keeping an eye on the benefits line (STRS and PERS)".

Motion for approval of the 2018-19 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan/Lobbins 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Director Riveroll said the Education Committee is finishing instructional walk-throughs of the GPA classrooms.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Chodzko reported that the CA Retired Teachers Association will be awarding \$2,000 scholarships on May 21. Alpha Kappa Alpha is giving \$1,000 to 2 GPA senior students. The CA Endowment visited our school and GPA is working on building a relationship with them. This year, grants pledged to GPA have totaled \$293,666.61. Recent donations have come from Riverstone Resources for \$30,000 and Copley has donated \$38,000 for science. Currently, there is \$248,552 in outstanding grants. Future goals for donated funds are a new marquee, a portable baseball fence and additional vehicles to transport students to field trips/activities.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

No report submitted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report submitted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. m/s/c Mehan/Chodzko 7 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed