Minutes for March 2, 2015

BOD Present:
Jack Rivas
Sheila Cullen
Dominic Paszkeicz
Brianna Aguilar
Mayra Ramos
Dan La Berge
(Amanda Lopez-Solis)

Ed Heron
Nancy Dow
Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to Order: 5:30pm.
2. Reading of Mission Statement
3. Consent agenda: Minutes from 2/2/15 will be re-written in more abbreviated form.
4. Review agenda: will approve budget prior to principal’s report.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Reports and Updates:
   a. Celebration of Teaching: 3rd Grade
      i. Elizabeth Silva and Erika Ruiz Santillán as well as 5 students presented about their trip to Monterrey Bay Aquarium.
   b. Special Ed Services at Santa Barbara Charter School (Dave Weisman, Director of Operations)
      i. SBCS had much control over their SPED even while with district, as many staff already very competent in this area.
      ii. Last year looked into becoming LEA and did so by joining SBCEO SELPA, during their charter renewal.
      iii. This required them to hire their own part-time staff, incl. speech pathologist and psychologist.
      iv. They organized necessary staff prior to initiating the process with the district, so they knew it would be feasible.
      v. They also benefitted from SBCEO SELPA willing to accept them.
      vi. SBCEO SELPA holds meetings 1x/month; all members of the SELPA are co-funders.
      vii. Able to provide quality services under their direct control.
      viii. There are financial risks. For example, child that needs special day class, and you don’t have one, you still have to pay for that child to attend a contracted special day class.
ix. Overall financial impact has been very positive for school: Dave Weisman estimated with district, cost was $1000/ADA, and now much less.

x. They put $100K in a special ed reserve fund to be able to cover any services that might be extra costly and out of the ordinary.

c. PTSO – Planning for Jog-a-thon and Día de las Madres is in progress.

d. Curriculum Council. (Holly Gil)
   i. Tool for redesignation of ELLs:
      1. Holly Gil recommends DRA (Directed Reading Assessment), which looks more closely at literacy skills.
      2. This will be combined with subjective measures such as teacher recommendation and parent input.
      3. Our CELDT scores were very good so we are expecting to redesignate a significant number of kids this year.
   
   ii. Dream Box will be adopted.
   
   iii. Parcel Tax discussed.
   

e. Teachers’ Council (Elizabeth Silva)
   i. Maestra Silva provided review of current academic projects in each grade level.

7. 2nd Interim Budget (Nancy Dow)
   a. Not a huge change from 1st Interim.
   
   b. One time revenue from State, approx. $15K – we need to decide how to spend this.
   
   c. Expenses: changes include salary increase, classroom supplies.
   
   d. Wish list Update: Review proposal for spending $119K as a portion of the $220K excess from last year. We will discuss next meeting.
   
   e. Two year forecast is zero-balanced budget for next two years.
   
   f. Reserves should stay the same. (approx. 26-28%).
   
   g. Mayra Ramos moved to approve Second Interim Budget, seconded by Brianna Aguilar; approved unanimously 6-0.

8. Principal’s Report
   a. Filling out application for DDLM at De La Guerra Plaza.
   
   b. District saying we can have two buildings brought onto campus.
   
   c. Estimate from district for two buildings: $184K.
   
   d. We received Chelsea Guillermo-Wann’s resignation letter.

9. Action Items
   a. Approve Parcel Tax Budget:
      i. We are addressing music, science, technology, and math.
   
      ii. We’ll need to consider how to incorporate these expenditures into our regular budget when this funding runs out.
   
      iii. Brianna Aguilar moved to approve Measure I Parcel Tax Site Plan Budget, Jack Rivas seconded, approved unanimously 6-0.
   
   b. Approve NCLB Budget: Includes Title I, II, and III.
      i. Many of these expenses are mandatory, ie. Tutors, homeless.
ii. Jack Rivas moved to approve the NCLB 14/15 Budget, Mayra Ramos seconded, approved unanimously 6-0.

c. Approve Safety Plan
   i. We updated ours at the beginning of the year.
   ii. Based our goals on California Healthy Kids Survey. We kept the goals that we had, i.e. using TRIBES, diet/nutrition.
   iii. Juanita Hernandez will put it on the website.
   iv. Dan La Berge moved to approve the School Safety Plan, Jack Rivas seconded, unanimously approved 6-0.

d. Nominate and Approve board Member: Amanda Lopez-Solis.
   i. Amanda Lopez-Solis, previous board experience on SB Rape Crisis Center; law background
   ii. All in favor of having Amanda Lopez-Solis join the board: approved 6-0.

10. Board Business
   a. Strategic Plan. Tabled until next meeting.
   b. Enrollment 15-16 update: (Juanita). Added 21 new students. We have the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 composition for kinder.
   c. Next meeting date and agenda items:
      i. April 13, 5:30pm
      ii. Approve Reclassification of ELs to include DRA as tool for measuring progress in English.
      iii. Nominate board member
      iv. Strategic plan
      v. MOU/FUA
      vi. Date for summer retreat
      vii. Approve a budget for portables, wish list

11. Closed Session (7:19pm)
      i. Juanita discussed general performance of our teachers.
   c. There were three motions passed unanimously regarding personnel issues.

12. Adjourn: 7:39pm

Minutes Approved:- ________________

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