La Academia Dolores Huerta



A Dual Language Charter Middle School

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Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/03/2013

Meeting Location: LADH

# Call to Order at 6:09 pm

# Roll call and established quorum

Members Present: Robert del Plain, Bertha Silva, Norma Martinez Arrieta,

Members Absent: John Vasquez & Saul Hernandez

Public Present: Octavio Casillas and Gina Trujillo

# Agenda

* **Motion to approve proposed agenda as presented by John Vasquez**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

* **Motion to postpone approval of 09/05/13 minutes until next meeting by John Vasquez**
* Seconded by Norma Martinez Arrieta
* Approved in the unanimous

# PUBLIC INPUT: None

# Principal’s Report:

Mr. Casillas submitted a written report and discussed the following items:

* Charter renewal application: completed
* Part A-Self Study/Report on Progress: 3 goals for this school year include, 1.) Improving academic proficiency in reading and math for all students, providing students opportunities to develop/enhance cultural diversity and non-violence, and maximize student and family involvement
* Charter School Division visit: 25 parents were in attendance – auditors were impressed
* LCPS Charter Report on LADH: Positive overall
* Whole Enchilada Fiesta: Would like next year’s school participation to increase
* Saturday Program: begins 10/06/2013
  + Michael Davis in charge ; John Vasquez/Robert del Plain had additional input
* Family Wellness Program from NMSU: Great success! NMSU & La Academia are becoming a team; 28 parents attended last meeting
* Soccer team: Up and running and doing good—last game we only lost by 3 points! The players are feeling proud and staff can see changes in self-esteem. Only La Academia and Zia Middle Schools have soccer teams- which is serving as a good recruitment point.
* Basketball team: Will be starting soon – will only take place in spring 2014.
* 8th grade trip fundraising: has started; next fundraising meeting is on Oct 9th; we may go on a 7-10 day cruise in late May or early June; Cost will be ~$600 per student (for cruise only); mode of transportation from Las Cruces to Houston is still being discussed
* Teach for America: Hosting a professional development workshop at LADH on Saturday, November 16th, 2013 with Curtis Acosta from Arizona. Time to be announced at a later date.
* Rick Rios: No longer working with us – contractual duties were satisfied on October 1, 2013.
* **Financial Report**
  + BARs: none
  + No $ in Idea B – but we’re ok; new Special Ed teacher coming in October 14th
  + Title I – ($5.179.72): double report sent in September
* **Discussion of Committees**
* Policies/Legislation/State Statutes
  + Robert del Plain update on recharter – has already discussed in principal’s report
* Evaluation Committee
  + Robert del Plain -
* Facilities Committee
  + John Vasquez – has already been discussed
* Community Relations Committee:
  + Norma Martinez Arrieta – has already been discussed in principal’s report
* Finance/Audit Committees:
  + Robert del Plain: auditors are here today and tomorrow; all seems to be going well
* **Election of new Governing Council Members**
* Discussion by Mr. Casillas that new officers will have more support by director of LADH and state of NM than in previous years.
* **Motion to go into closed session for personnel reasons proposed by Bertha Silva** 
  + Motion seconded by Norma Martinez Arrieta
  + Approved in the unanimous

**7:00 pm – Governing Council went into Closed Session**

* **Motion to leave closed session for by Bertha Silva** 
  + Motion seconded by John Vasquez
  + Approved in the unanimous

**7:37 pm – Governing Council came out of Closed Session**

* **Motion to declare that no action was taken during closed session proposed by John Vasquez**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to nominate Bertha Silva as President proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Norma Martinez Arrieta
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to elect Bertha Silva as President proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by John Vasquez
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to nominate as John Vasquez Vice President proposed by Bertha Silva** 
  + Motion seconded by Robert del Plain
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to elect John Vasquez Vice President proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to nominate Norma Martinez Arrieta as Secretary/Treasurer proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to elect Norma Martinez Arrieta as Secretary/Treasurer proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Election of new board officers**
* **Motion to elect John Vasquez as board member until September 2016 proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Norma Martinez Arrieta
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to elect Saul Hernandez as board member until September 2016 proposed by Robert del Plain**
  + Motion seconded by Norma Martinez Arrieta
  + Approved in the unanimous
* **Motion to adjourn meeting proposed by John Vasquez**
  + Motion seconded by Bertha Silva
  + Approved in the unanimous

# Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm