La Academia Dolores Huerta



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Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07/11/2013

Meeting Location: LADH

# Call to Order at 6:05pm

# Roll call and established quorum

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

Members Absent: John Vasquez & Saul Hernandez

Public Present: Octavio Casillas

# Agenda

* **Motion to approve proposed agenda by Bertha Silva**
  + Motion seconded by Eva Telles
  + Approved in the unanimous

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

* **Motion to approve of minutes a-i of agenda by Bertha Silva**
* Seconded by Eva Telles
* Approved in the unanimous

# PUBLIC INPUT

* **Principal’s Report**

Octavio Casillas provided a written report to governing council and discussed the open position for Science Teacher and progression of interviews. ENLACE will be working with LADH to include the “Si Se Puede” curriculum and technology program for families. School growth plan is only specific to facility search to current property on 1405 S. Solano Dr. Enrollment has increased by 30 students to 155 in 2013 and Mr. Casillas explained that the plan is to increase by 30 students every year in order to pay for this facility specifically. Negotiations have been good and a settlement price of 1.75M has been agreed upon. Renovations will cost between $500K-$850K additionally for a total of 2.6M. Mr. Casillas shared that the school grades have been published and LADH maintained a letter grade of “B”. Lowest area suffered on grading scale was “Growth of Lowest Performing Students.” Mr. Casillas explained that during the coming year programs will be implemented to target this group.

* **Financial Report**
  + No financial report was provided for this period
* **Discussion of Committees**
* Policies/Legislation/State Statutes
  + Robert del Plain: will be continuing discussions with Rick Rios regarding recharter application and progress.
* Evaluation Committee
  + Robert del Plain: reported all is going well with the school in general and is satisified with Mr. Casillas progress over his first year.
* Facilities Committee
  + Robert del Plain: asked Mr. Casillas to provide written documentation of proposed financial agreement to John Vasquez when it becomes available.
* Community Relations Committee:
  + Norma Martinez Arrieta: nothing to report
* Finance/Audit Committees:
  + Robert del Plain: nothing to report

# ADJOURN

* **Motion to adjourn by Bertha Silva**
  + Motion seconded by Eva Telles
  + Approved in the unanimous

# Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm