

LA ACADEMIA DOLORES HUERTA
A Dual-Language Public Charter Middle School
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2010, 6:00PM

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Meeting of the Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta

Meeting was called to order by Mr. del Plain president. Roll call was taken: in attendance were Dr. Sanchez, Mr. Montoya, Ms. Olivas, Mr. del Plain.

Mr. del Plain asked for approval of proposed agenda – Dr. Sanchez made the motion we move item 2b to item seven in order for the council to take action on proposed agenda items. Mr. Montoya second the motion, motion passed.

Item 2 on agenda – Election of Governing council – Mr. del Plain reported 7 applicants had initially applied, one removed his name because of conflicts with scheduling his attendance at meetings. Each candidate were interviewed by the committee. Each candidate had their own unique qualities which would have been an asset to La Academia. The committee recommended the following individuals to fill the three open positions: Corrie Vallejos, Lucas Carlos Arzabal and Brisa Simental. Dr. Sanchez moved to approve the three candidates selected by the committee, Ms. Olivas with a second and the motion passed unanimously.

The procedure for placing these individuals on the board was reviewed by Mr. del Plain as requested by Dr. Sanchez. Each of the new council members were given an opportunity to speak and give information about themselves and what they had to offer La Academia.

Election of officers:

Mrs. Vallejos was nominated and unanimously passed as Secretary. The other positions would be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Regular Monthly Meetings: Mr. Montoya moved to have monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month, Ms. Olivas with a second. Motion passed unanimously. The first one scheduled for November 11.

No Public Input

Principals Report:

Mr. Gutierrez reported – La Academia students performed at the United Methodist Church for students from Central Elementary school. He noted that ten students who performed were former students of Central. October 3 a state fair performance as well.

He reported on the EPSS Site visit by LCPS. Received positive input from the monitors and will work on the areas they are recommending. Dr. Sanchez reported that as part of HB212 – LCPS was charged with reviewing the EPSS/how it was developed and what is the process to move forward to meeting AYP

Mr. Gutierrez reported that each new council member must receive five hours of training on Charter Schools. The Charter School Conference will meet the required hours if they attend. Mr. Gutierrez needs to know if they will be able to attend, as he needs to register them for the conference.

Mr. Gutierrez also reviewed the letter from the Public Education Department wanting assurance from La Academia that regulations would be set in place. If they did not have them they would be able to use the current LCPS regulations. Dr. Sanchez recommended we use the current LCPS regs until further study by the new board could be done. Dr. Sanchez will have Karen Robles send the packet to La Academia.

Financial Report:

The council was made aware of a possible 3.2% cut in the coming year. Asked for a bar to decrease the operational budget by \$30,896.40, the motion was made Dr. Sanchez second by Ms. Olivas, bar passed unanimously.

Dr. Sanchez gave a short explanation of the states financial problems. We will have a 2.2 to 3.25 cut in October or November. It will be felt by all schools. He encouraged the school Chancellor and the council to have a good budget meeting to review cuts and to come up with a plan.

Discussion of Committees:

Building, Finance and Policy committees were discussed. Dr. Sanchez recommended that a budget committee be formed as well as a second audit committee. Each committee should be separate in order to maintain the functionality of the budget.

Mr. del Plain, recommended that Mary Buckwich, Bonnie Salazar and Orlando Gutierrez be part of these committees and would visit with them for their assistance.

Mr. Del Plain appointed Mr. Arzabal to the Policy committee, Ms. Simental to the Building and Ms. Vallejos to the finance.

Item 2b was overlooked – therefore, at this time Mr. Montoya rendered is resignation for the position of Secretary. Ms. Vallejos was nominated by Mr. del Plain to fill this position and passed unanimously.

Presidents report:

Mr. del Plain thanked all who had applied to serve on the council. He discussed the Charter School Conference recommends this training conference for all. Open Meetings conference will be on November 19 and 20.

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 11 – Veteran’s Day

Dr. Sanchez announced his resignation, Mr. Montoya resigned as Treasurer. Resignations were accepted by President del Plain.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Ms. Olivas, second by Mr. Del plain, meeting adjourned 7:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Montoya