

GOALS ACADEMY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 22, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

412 W. Carl Karcher Way

Anaheim, CA 92801

Minutes

I. Call to Order – 5:10 p.m.

A. Introduction and Roll Call

- Board members present: Mike Anderson, Alexy Esobedo, Dorothy Rose (phone conference)
- Staff members present: Olivia Reidy (AmeriCorp), Carolyn Parsons (Office Coordinator), Debbie Schroeder (Director)
- Parents/Community Members: Bill Singleton

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Anderson/ 2nd, Rose/ Vote:3/3

C. Correct/Approve Minutes of 6/20/2016 Special Meeting: Minutes Stood Approved

II. Public Speakers on Agenda Item

The Governance Committee of the GOALS Academy wishes to hear input from the community regarding the items on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Speaker Forms are available at the Meeting and must be completed and submitted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker is limited to three minutes to permit multiple speakers the opportunity to address the Governance Committee. The total time for each agenda item is 20 minutes. And, individual speakers may not cede their time to another speaker.

None

III. Updates from Executive Director of GOALS, Dave Wilk – Report Attached

IV. Updates from Staff Members

A. Carolyn Parsons, Office Coordinator

- Enrollment update per grade level – While the school is still light on 5th and 6th graders, the total enrollment is 238, which is only two short of the 240 enrollment goal. This was accomplished by permitting the enrollment to go as high as 32 in the Grades TK/K through 4th grade classes. While this is not an ideal solution, it has permitted the school to have an enrollment that matches the projected budget.
- Importance of Meeting Enrollment Goal -- The budget for a school is based upon ADA, or Average Daily Attendance. Each scholar with perfect attendance brings in approximately \$10,000. For this reason, it is important to meet the enrollment goal.
- Increased focus on daily attendance – When a scholar is absent, either due to illness or a family choice, the school loses approximately \$30+ per each day of absence. This school year, there will be a concerted effort to increase daily attendance.

B. Debbie Schroeder, Director of GOALS Academy

- First week of school successes – The start of the school year was very smooth. It was difficult to discern the new scholars from the old scholars because so many routines were

still in place from the following school year.

- Back-to-School Night – Having Back-to-School Night on the Friday of the first week of school permits the teachers and parents to meet each other early and discuss expectations to ensure a strong start for each scholar. This schedule appears to be popular with the teachers and parents. While attendance was great, it does not meet the goal of 100%. The teachers will make a concerted effort to connect with each parent who was not in attendance.
- Staffing challenge – Education Specialist for Special Education – While two Education Specialists were offered a full-time position after separate interview processes, both declined. It is hypothesized that GOALS Academy pays less for certificated staff than the surrounding area, and therefore it is difficult to be competitive. For now, GOALS Academy will contract for Education Specialist services with the organization called Specialized Therapy Services. While this was the plan for other Special Education support staff, it was hoped this particular position could be an “inside” employee, who could also serve as the primary coordinator for Special Education. Additionally, for this particular position, Special Education Funds cannot be utilized for a contracted employee, so our Education Specialist will need to be paid for out of General Funds. More information to follow as it becomes available.
- Board and Governance Committee Contacts – Hand-out provided
- Calendar of Meetings – Hand-out provided
- Roberts Rules of Order – Hand-out provided
- Guide to the Brown Act – Hand-out provided

V. Policy Development

- A. The Seven Areas with Varying Subsections
 - The areas for which policies need to be developed were reviewed
 - The first area, policies related to the Governance Committee, will be the first to be studied and adopted
- B. A Draft Will Be Shared Prior to Next Governance Committee
- C. Will Discuss Revisions and Possible Approval at Next Governance Committee Meeting

VI. Consent Calendar – None

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Governance Committee in one motion. There is no discussion of these items unless a Member of the Committee, staff, or the public requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

VII. Action Calendar

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Clerk

This agenda item was deferred to the next Governance Committee Meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

VIII. Board Discussion -- None

IX. Future Agenda Items – None Suggested

X. Adjournment – 6:05 p.m.