



Alpha Public Schools: Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 2, 2015 at 9:30 A.M – 12:30 P.M

Location:

Alpha: Cindy Avitia High School
1881 Cunningham Ave.
San José, CA 95122

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2. "Request to Speak" forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda item(s) or under the general category of "Public Comment." All "Request to Speak" forms must be submitted prior to the agenda item.
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Agenda

I. Call to Order

Meeting Called to order at 9:34 by Elliott

II. Roll Call – 8:00-8:02

- ❖ Tim Ranzetta: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Jaqui Guzman: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Alison Elliott: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Dick Garrett: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Valerie Faillace: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Dan Fishman: Present x Not Present
- ❖ Guests: Shara Hegde, Damone Jordan, Adriana Garcia, Emmanuel Barrera, Farah Charania, Hope Evans, Adnan Pirzada

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 9, 2015

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve December 9, 2015 minutes by Garrett, seconded by Faillace motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Ranzetta, Fishman, Guzman. NAYS: 0.)

IV. Public Comment

V. Alpha Updates

- a. View from Alpha: José Hernández Middle School – Hope Evans (Founding Principal)

DISCUSSION: Evans provides an update of what is happening at Alpha: José Hernández focusing on the flexible grouping for targeted remediation and enrichment activities.

Faillace asked for MAP academic data to be broken down by grade level in the future.

Fishman asked about plans to continue using flexible grouping in the 16-17 academic year.

ACTION: No Motion

- b. Technovate at Alpha – Adnan Pirzada (Innovate Manager)

DISCUSSION: Pirzada explains that Technovate is a camp at Alpha that will bring together the community of San Jose and computer science with the board and a version of the schedule for the day of Technovate. Pirzada asks the board if they know people who would be interested on being mentors or presenters.

ACTION: No Action

VI. Closed Session – Board Business: Discussion/Action Items

Board moves to closed session

VII. Reconvene Open Session

Meeting Called to Order by Elliott

VIII. Board Business: Discussion/Action Items

a. Talent Update – Adriana Garcia (Director of Recruitment & Talent)

DISCUSSION: Garcia provides a talent update of the current year and reviews the plans for the 16-17 school year which include hiring more school leaders, additional support and training for school leaders, customized leadership trackers and the residency pipeline

ACTION: No Action

b. Academic Update – Manny Barrera (Senior Director of Academics)

DISCUSSION: Barrera provides an overview of the NWEA data for the current school year and elaborates on remediation time and the plans to restructure Thursdays for targeted groupings. Faillace asks about planning time for teachers. Elliott asks about support for students who have not yet mastered 4th and 5th grade standards

ACTION: No Action

c. Integration and Road Mapping – John Glover (CEO)

DISCUSSION: Glover shares the CMO org chart for the next three years in conjunction of the strategic priorities of the next three years. Board shares their thoughts on the strategic priorities. Elliott talks about facilities and the integral part that facilities play in the growth strategy. Faillace asks about the relation between recruitment and the community and engagement work.

ACTION: No Action

d. 2nd Interim Budget – Damone Jordan (Director of Finance)

DISCUSSION: Jordan provides an overview of the 2nd Interim budget.

ACTION: Motion to approve 2nd Interim Budget by Garrett, seconded by Fishman motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Ranzetta, Fishman, Guzman. NAYS: 0.)

e. Consent Calendar (Form 990, CARS Report – Alpha: Blanca Alvarado, CARS Report – Alpha: José Hernández, CARS Report – Alpha: Cindy Avitia, Cima Group, NAATE)

DISCUSSION: No Discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve consent calendar by Garrett, seconded by Guzman motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Garrett, Faillace, Ranzetta, Fishman, Guzman. NAYS: 0.)

Break

IX. Board Business: Discussion Items

a. Scaling and the role of the CMO

DISCUSSION: Glover leads the board in an activity to determine responsibilities of the CMO vs. that of the schools in terms of being standardized or centralized. Board members each get papers with a list of school functions and discuss where on the scale they believe those fall before reconvening for a group discussion.

ACTION: No Action

X. Review and Next Meeting

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:18 P.M. by Fishman, seconded by Garrett, motion passes 4-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Fishman, Garrett, Ranzetta. NAYS: 0. Guzman excused 12:03 P.M. Faillace exited 12:03 P.M)