



Alpha Public Schools Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date/Time

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location:

Alpha Public Schools
1601 Cunningham Ave.
San José, CA 95122

Dial in Number: 712-775-7031 Meeting ID: 708-696-054

Instructions for Presentation to the Board by Parents and Citizens

Alpha Public Schools ("Alpha") welcomes your participation at the Alpha Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of Alpha in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in Alpha. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
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 agendized item.
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes each and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern.
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7. If you have any questions or need any assistance in participating in the Alpha Board meeting, please contact Maria Arechiga at marechiga@alphapublicschools.org or (408) 780-0831 x 103

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:06 by Elliott

II. Roll Call

- ❖ Tim Ranzetta: Present ___ Not Present x
- ❖ Jaqui Guzman: Present x Not Present ___ (arrived 9:17)
- ❖ Alison Elliott: Present x Not Present ___
- ❖ Preston Smith: Present x Not Present ___ (called in)
- ❖ Dick Garrett: Present x Not Present ___ (called in)
- ❖ Valerie Faillace: Present x Not Present ___
- ❖ Guests: Will Eden, Hope Evans, Emmanuel Barrera

III. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ December 3, 2014 (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve December 3, 2014 minutes by Garrett, seconded by Faillace, motion passes 5-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Smith, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman. NAYS: 0.)

IV. Public Comment

No public comment

V. Board Business - Discussion/Action Items: 9:05-9:15

- ❖ New board member (1-year term) – Dan Fishman (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to elect Fishman as Board Member with expiration on June 30, 2016 by Garrett, seconded by Faillace, motion passes 5-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Smith, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman. NAYS: 0.)

- ❖ Re-election of existing board member (3-year term) – Tim Ranzetta (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to re-elect Ranzetta as Chair for 2nd term with expiration on June 30, 2017 by Garrett, seconded by Smith, motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Smith, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0.)

- ❖ Election to position of Vice-Chair – Alison Elliott (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to elect Elliott as Vice-Chair by Faillace, seconded by Guzman, motion passes 5-0. (YAYS: Smith, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0.)

❖ Consent Calendar 9:05 – 9:10 (Action)

1. Staff Employment Agreements
 - a. Cervantes, Monica
 - b. Dominguez, Cecilia
 - c. Martinez, Karen
 - d. Tran, Kimberly
2. Consent Items
 - a. Form 990
 - b. 2nd Interim Budget
3. Procurement Contracts
 - a. CDW-G
 - b. Greenhouse
 - c. Hula
 - d. Premier Staffing
 - e. SubReady
 - f. Vincenti, Lloyd, and Stutzman

DISCUSSION: No discussion

ACTION: Motion to approve Consent Calendar by Smith, seconded by Guzman, motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Smith, Garrett, Faillace, Guzman, Fishman. NAYS: 0).

VI. Organizational Updates and Strategy - Board Discussion/Action Items:

❖ Alpha Organizational Updates 9:15-10 (Discussion)

1. Will Eden – High School Update

DISCUSSION: High school update led by Eden in which he gave an overview of the status of facilities, staffing and enrollment. Guzman asked about the progress made on the Chicano studies class and stated her willingness to help. Faillace asked how many of the incoming high school students are Alpha students. Fishman asked about the other high school options being considered by current Alpha Students.

ACTION: No Action

2. Manny Barrera – Academics

DISCUSSION: Alpha academics update led by Barrera. Faillace asked about the content knowledge and training of instructional coaches. Elliott asked about evidence on how much a student can grow in terms of MAP scores. Fishman asked what data parents are looking for to determine student academic growth. Topics include: overview of the Alpha instructional model that consists of a three station rotation, and building capacity for the common core through coaching and tiered PD.

ACTION: No Action

3. John Glover – Facilities, Student Enrollment, and Talent

DISCUSSION: Glover led discussion on facilities and student enrollment. Topics included: current facilities strategy and need for a long term facilities strategy, 2015-2016 enrollment, teacher retention.

ACTION: No Action

❖ Growth Strategy 10-12 (Discussion/Action)

DISCUSSION: Glover presented on the current status of charter schools in San Jose and the fact that having a TK-12 system would deepen Alpha's impact in San Jose. Board agreed that staff should prepare as much as possible for the June Board Meeting including a strategic case, lessons learned from other charters, internal readiness and a high level alignment overview of what it would look like. Elliott asked about the current TK-5 landscape in San Jose..

ACTION: No Action

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:36 a.m. by Faillace, seconded by Fishman, motion passes 6-0. (YAYS: Elliott, Guzman, Garrett, Faillace, Smith, Fishman. NAYS: 0.)