



Picasso Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Location

13530 Aviation Boulevard – Hawthorne, CA District Office Boardroom

All Picasso Academy Board meetings are open to the public and will start promptly at the scheduled time. Anyone who wished to speak during the public comment section of the meeting must submit their request at least 48 hours in advance of the board meeting in writing to the board secretary, Maria Monet, c/o Picasso Academy Main Office.

Directors Present

G. Klimt, K. Mellon (remote), M. Monet, P. DaVinci, R. Wisdon, S. VanGogh

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Wisdon called a meeting of the board of directors of Picasso Academy to order on Thursday May 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

R. Wisdon made a motion to approve minutes from the Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 02-01-16 Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on 02-01-16.

P. DaVinci seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Closed Session

A. Vote to enter Closed Session

R. Wisdon made a motion to enter closed session.

M. Monet seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. New item

III. Open Session

A. Declaration of Closed Session discussion/action

There was no reportable action during Closed Session.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Ms. Gloria White

IV. Special Presentation

A. Schoolzilla Data System

Dr. Chris Jones and Gloria White provided an update on the new Schoolzilla data system. The goal of Schoolzilla is to enable both Wiseburn and Da Vinci to become data-informed entities and also build a data system that can be flexible and grow with us.

Ms. White shared several sample dashboards with the Board, including dashboards for attendance, CELDT testing, the Smarter Balanced Assessment and College Persistence. Particularly in the area of College Persistence, Da Vinci and Wiseburn are leading the way. The Board was extremely impressed with the Schoolzilla presentation and looks forward to another presentation in the fall.

B. Chartwells – “Food / Plate Waste”

Janet Lusk and Zaily Llamas from Chartwells provided the Board with a presentation regarding a study that Chartwells conducted at Cabrillo and Dana Middle School regarding student consumption of food, student preferences and waste.

In this study, Cabrillo was the intervention school and Dana was the control school. At the control school, the highest waste fraction were fresh fruits, salad and cold vegetables. The lowest waste fraction were entrée and starchy vegetables. At the intervention school, the highest waste fraction was salad, cold vegetables and flavored milk. The lowest waste fraction was entrée and starchy vegetables. The least popular foods were white milk and canned fruit. The most popular foods were the entrees and starchy vegetables. The object of the study is to determine what nutritious foods are most popular and ultimately greatly reducing or eliminating student waste. Towards this end, Chartwells is conducting tasting tests and looking at testing new foods through surveys before serving them.

C. PFMG Solar

PFMG Solar (Partners for Many Generations) provided the Board with a presentation on a potential solar project in Wiseburn. They shared information regarding power consumption at all four schools and potential solar panel configurations that would generate 72% of the necessary electric power for our schools. The solar power project has several benefits. One is a positive impact on the General Fund. There are also benefits related to educational enrichment, improved security, positive PR and it is both clean and green.

Wiseburn would be able to access solar panels with no investment of General Fund revenues through a power purchase agreement. Currently the Redondo Beach Unified School District is in the 2nd year of implementation of solar power with PFMG and several other local districts are also looking at this possibility.

V. Information

A. From the Board

Dr. Goldman shared that he had attended the Wiseburn Education Foundation (WEF) Board meeting. WEF has new leadership with Debbie Felt as the president and Willis Chang as the Vice President.

In closing, Dr. Goldman thanked Dave Wilson and Dr. Johnstone for their fine work on the refinancing of \$37,000,000 in General Obligation Funds that will save Wiseburn taxpayers \$8,000,000 over 26 years.

Ms. Kaneda thanked staff for bringing the field trips up for approval before the kids actually take the trip.

B. From the Chief Business Official

C. From the Deputy Superintendent

Dr. Jones shared an update on the review of new English Language Arts materials for possible adoption in 2017-18. Wiseburn is looking at four different companies for a K-5 adoption. Using call-out days, there have been presentations from the four companies over two days. The initial plans would be to pilot two of the potential textbook adoptions in the fall. Dana Middle School is conducting a pre-pilot with two companies, McGraw-Hill and Study Sync.

Dr. Jones shared that Summer School this year will take place at Anza School and will include intervention and Special Education Programs and the Summer School Principal will be Dana Middle School teacher, Kiana Brede.

In closing, Dr. Jones shared with the Board a report from the trip that he and Dr. Wunder and Da Vinci Extension Principal, Kim Merritt, made to Southern New Hampshire University.

Southern New Hampshire University is a non-profit university and also has a large online component with 70,000 students. They have a third program that is called College for America that is directly connected to industry. The annual cost for a student to attend this program is \$5,500 and currently the program results in an Associate of Arts degree but they are developing a four-year degree. The program is competency based and the students who participate in the program must belong to a partnering institution. Currently, College for America is matched with charter schools in the Boston area and is focused on students who have dropped out of college (college recovery). Da Vinci is exploring the very real possibility of becoming the first pilot in California. This is a very innovative and cost-effective program and is yielding extremely positive results.

D. From the Director of Facilities Planning

Mr. Madsen shared that the plans for Phase II of the construction of Wiseburn High School will be coming out next week and that Balfour Beatty and Gensler would also be providing cost estimates for all of the aspects of Phase II. On June 9th, Gensler and Balfour will present this cost estimate package to the Board.

Mr. Madsen also shared that the funding letter for the last round of charter school money -- \$32,500,000 -- will be submitted on May 11th. Mr. Madsen shared that Da Vinci Design and Communications no longer have heat. The gas line at Sepulveda is completely corroded and has been shut off. The plan would be to assess the damage and repair it during the summer.

E. From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared a letter of appreciation from Cabrillo parent, Bronwyn Shields thanking Cabrillo teachers, Dee Dee Zirbel and Debbie Davis for their outstanding work with her son.

Dr. Johnstone provided the Board with an update on the parent conference calendar for the 2016-17 school year. The District is working with WFA to explore options to reduce the number of weeks that parents would have to have their children on a modified schedule. This relates to the fact that many of our families have kids at multiple levels of the Wiseburn system, K-2, 3-5, Dana and high school.

Dr. Johnstone shared with the Board where Da Vinci High School students have been accepted to college this year. The list of college admissions is again very impressive this year with Da Vinci students being accepted at every UC, four Ivy League schools, Stanford, USC, Pepperdine, LMU and scores of others.

Dr. Johnstone shared the good news that both Burnett and Anza schools have been accepted into the COTSEN program next year that will provide extensive mathematics training next year to 14 of our teachers across the schools. This is a huge accomplishment that will make a big difference in our math instruction in the years ahead.

Dr. Johnstone shared that Dana Middle School has been selected by the Boeing Corporation to have Wiseburn middle school students be able to work side-by-side with Boeing engineers on Saturday, July 16, 2016.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone shared that Little League District 37 will be selling fireworks in front of the District Office during the week before the 4th of July.

VI. Action Items - General

A. Action Items

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution #15/16.32

P. DaVinci made a motion to adopt Resolution #15/16.32 – Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel – on Behalf of the Southwest SELPA.

S. VanGogh seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approve Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Charter Oak Unified School District

The item related to the approval of an Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Charter Oak Unified School District beginning in July 2016 for the 2016-16 school year for a term of five years was tabled for further discussion.

D. Approve an Agreement with National Demographics Corporation (NDC)

VII. Closing Items

A.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. James

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of Juan Cabrillo School.