APPROVED

Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday January 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Location
2723 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90005

PUBLIC COMMENT AT EQUITAS ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS – An opportunity for the public to address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters pertaining to Equitas Academy. The Board may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda. Brown Act Compliance: Agenda posted at School

Directors Present
A. Sowrirajan, A. Valentine, B. Snyder, C. Sanii, J. Creed, L. Phillips (remote), O. Ammon, O. Bajracharya

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
J. Host, K. Cape, M. Borrego, S. Estilai

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

O. Bajracharya called a meeting of the board of directors of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Jan 25, 2018 at 7:03 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

O. Ammon made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-30-17 Board Meeting on 11-30-17.
B. Snyder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Sowrirajan	Absent
C. Sanii	Absent
L. Phillips	Aye
B. Snyder	Aye
O. Bajracharya	Aye
J. Creed	Aye
O. Ammon	Aye
A. Valentine	Aye

D. Approve Minutes

B. Snyder made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 12-07-17 Board Meeting on 12-07-17.
O. Ammon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Valentine	Absent
O. Bajracharya	Aye
A. Sowrirajan	Aye
O. Ammon	Aye
L. Phillips	Aye
C. Sanii	Aye
B. Snyder	Aye
J. Creed	Absent

E. Public Comment

II. Consent Agenda

A.

Annual Update of Universal Complaint Policies and Forms

J. Creed asked clarification questions regarding the consent agenda items. J. Host shared a summary of items A through C detailing how LAUSD as our authorizing requires board review of the items.
J. Creed made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.
O. Ammon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Title IX Policy Statement

C. Certification of Compliance Monitoring Forms

D. Notice of Delay of Equitas Academy 5

III. School Updates

A. Keeping Parents Informed: Ratliff Charter Public School Transparency Resolution of 2016

To meet the LAUSD authorizer requirements, J. Host shared a summary of a resolution adopted by LAUSD board: Charter Public School Transparency Resolution with its key requirements and implementation actions at Equitas Academy. Implementation included required documents addd to the public webpage and the resolution in the board packet with discussion at the board meeting.

B. Prop 39 Alternative Agreements

J. Host provided an update to the board on the Proposition 39 process. EQ and EQ3 received split site proposals. EQ2 did not apply, EQ4/EQ5 will receive a single site offer on 2/1. In response to the protest experience, staff has engaged the District in moving forward more quickly with an alternative agreement for EQ and in return, the District suggested a withdrawal of the applications to finalize the standing alternative agreement with EQ for furniture & equipment. J. Host recommends to withdraw EQ, EQ4, EQ5 Prop 39 application and persist with EQ3 application, as Prop 39 is a contingency for the construction project at Beacon. Staff leadership will engage a proactive plan of outreach and communication to key parties.

C. CEO Report

M. Borrego shared updates on organizational health & growth, leadership growth, and governance.

IV. Resource Development

A. End of Year Appeal Recap

K. Cape gave summary of the end of year appeal plan.

B. Fundraising Dashboard Update

O. Ammon presented the fundraising dashboard and asked for board members who need help & support to speak up. C. Chung Sanii raised the issue of having 2 fewer board members than budgeted.

C. Board Fundraising Accountability and Support Calendar

K. Cape and L. Phillips reviewed the materials, but the group decided not to bring it to a vote, but suggested we ensure to revisit it in the new fiscal year.

V. Governance

A. Updates from Governance Committee

L. Phillips discussed individual board member fundraising and how to support the board recruitment process.

VI. Finance

A. Board Review of December 2017 Financial Package

S. Estilai provided an overview of the balance sheet, income statement, forecast, and check register for EQ, EQ2, EQ3, EQ4 and network budgets.
A. Valentine made a motion to approve the financial packet.
A. Sowrirajan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. State Budget Update

S. Estilai gave a summary of the state budget and its impact on Equitas' budget and finances.

C. Board Review and Approval of FY 2016-17 Tax Returns

J. Creed made a motion to approve the FY 16-17 990 with the following modifications: adjust K-7 to K-8 in summary of services provided, adjust Drown Foundation to $50,000, and determine appropriate means of $4500 return of grant dollars to GPSN.
B. Snyder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
O. Bajracharya