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# Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS)

## Minutes

### YPICS Regular Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

The Meeting will be held at:

Bert Corona Charter School  
Room 3  
9400 Remick Avenue Pacoima, CA 91331

The Public may also access the live stream of the meeting and make presentations to the Board from our campus locations listed below or the at the addresses any board member is calling in from.

YPI Charter Schools  
Learning and Support Center  
10660 White Oak Avenue, Suite B101  
Granada Hills, CA 91344

Bert Corona Charter High School  
12513 Gain Street Pacoima, CA 91331

Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School  
2670 W. 11th Street Los Angeles, CA 90006

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#### **Trustees Present**

C. Lopez, M. Green, M. Keipp, W. Njboke

#### **Trustees Absent**

D. Cho, S. Mendoza

#### **Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

W. Njboke

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## **Guests Present**

Diana Gamez, F. Zepeda (remote), I. Castillo, J. Osorio, R. Bradford, R. Duenas (remote), S. Castellon (remote), Y. King-Berg (remote), Y. Zubia (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Keipp called a meeting of the board of trustees of Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools (YPICS) to order on Monday Jun 5, 2023 at 6:15 PM.

### **C. Additions/Corrections to Agenda**

## **II. Communications**

### **A. Presentations from the Public**

There were no presentations from the Public.

## **III. Items Scheduled for Information**

### **A. Board Committee Reports**

The Academic Committee met on April 20, 2023, and reviewed Mid-Year iReady and NWEA MAPs results from the current school year. Growth has occurred across the schools, and the achievement gap is closing. The school's verifiable data is robust, and, most importantly, Academic Achievement is increasing. However, we need to continue to track consistently the data points that are being tracked on the CDE dashboard and by YPICS. The schools' area of growth is consistently tracking subgroup growth and ensuring that vendors produce those data points as part of their reporting management structures. The Summer Academic Committee Meeting will focus on a deep data dive and a review of the school success plans after the verifiable data and SBAC scores are received.

The Finance Committee met before the regular board meeting and discussed the health benefits Plan cost, Salary schedules for teachers, and the preliminary budget for the 23-24 school year.

### **B. School Committee/ Council Reports**

### **C. Bert Corona Executive Administrator's Report**

This year's academic focus was EL growth. Two years ago, the reclassification rate was 0, the following 11% and this year it has grown to 18%; that is higher than the district and the state.

### **iReady, CAASPP and ELPAC**

We are currently wrapping up our CAASPP testing for the school year and we have already finished our ELPAC testing. 20 students have completed and passed the ELPAC, met the standardized testing requirements, and have the grades they need to reclassify this school year. This equates to 18%, which is an increase from last school year and is higher than the state reclassification rates. The most recent state reclassification rates provided to us during our LAUSD oversight visit were 13.8% in 2019-2020 and 6.9% in 2020-2021. We have a couple more kids who we are working with to improve their grades in the ELA classes and we are giving students one more opportunity to take their HMI test, so our percentage may increase slightly in the next week.

For CAASPP testing, we focused on student participation and focus so we could provide an incentive for the test. Students received up to 3 points per day for being on time for testing, focusing the entire time (trying their best), and for maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment. If students earned at least 10/12 points by the end of the week, they earned Smash Burgers and Free games during our Pop Day event on June 5th. The kids are very excited and keep asking about getting their bracelets and tickets so they can get their rewards on Pop Day! We are planning to do a celebration for returning students who grow and hit grade level after we receive their scores in the fall/late summer.

This year on iReady in reading, we hit our targets schoolwide. We hit 128% of our expected growth, and 58% of our students hit their expected growth (iReady reports that more than 50% of students hitting their growth indicates success as a school).

In math, we did not perform quite as well: we achieve 92% of our typical growth and only 48% of our students hit their growth targets.

W. Njboke arrived.

### **D. Monseñor Oscar Romero Charter School Interim Executive Administrator's Report**

MORCS is ending the school year on a positive note. Test scores have revealed 54-56% of students have met or exceeded their growth goals, and the film students participated in a film festival in collaboration with the Youth Cinema Project, where their film was showcased.

### **Reading Schoolwide and Grade-Level Typical Growth**

Our school saw 56% of our students meet their annual typical growth goal. This indicator is promising as it indicates that 56% of our students made positive progress toward grade-level mastery. With a continued focus on academic support and instruction tailored to meet the needs of our students, we are confident that these students will continue to make necessary gains to get them closer to grade level performance in Reading next school year. See the table below for a detailed breakdown of the progress toward annual typical growth goals determined by the iReady reading diagnostic. Additionally, you'll find a table that breaks down the performance data by grade level. Our 6th and 8th-grade students met their target goal of 51% meeting or exceeding their annual typical growth goal, but our 7th-graders fell short of meeting their goal, with only 42% meeting their specific yearly growth goal. This indicates that we will need to refocus our approach and target our 7th-grade students strategically to ensure they receive the necessary instruction to help increase their gains next.

School year.

### **Math Schoolwide and Grade-Level Typical Growth**

54% of our students could meet their annual typical growth goal. This indicates that more than half of our students made positive gains and are en route to reaching grade-level mastery if they can demonstrate similar growth in the coming year or two. In looking at the grade level achievements, our 8th-grade group saw the highest increase, with 64% of our 8th-grade students meeting their annual typical growth goal. 7th grade was 1% shy of their target, with 50% of 7th-grade students meeting their annual specific growth goal. 6th grade was just 2% scared of meeting their mark, with 49% of our 6th graders meeting their specific growth goal. This data gives us hope that we will be able to continue to work with our 6th and 7th graders to achieve even higher numbers in the coming year or two, as we will be able to target students and place them in support classes strategically to ensure that they're receiving the necessary supports to meet their growth goals. For your reference, the attached tables provide specific details for our school and the individual grade levels.

## **E. Bert Corona Charter High School/ COO's Report**

The high school is seeing an upward enrollment trend that looks promising. Schola, the high school's outreach vendor, filmed a video for recruitment efforts. The high school also had an open house to showcase the school and the different programs offered.

### **Interim Executive Administrator- Bert Corona Charter High School Instruction I**

Internal and State Testing May is a testing month. Staff will review this year's schedule to develop a less intrusive testing schedule for students and staff. The sheer number of "major" tests may impact students' performance on their exams.

Students took the following tests:

- NWEA Maps- All grades
- CAASPP- 11th grade
- CAST- 12th grade
- ELPAC- English Language Learners in all grades
- Houghton Mifflin Reading Inventory- English Language Learners in all grades
- AP Biology- Various students
- AP Spanish- Various students
- AP Environmental Science- Various students
- AP English Language and Composition-

**Various students College Ready College Visits** 9th graders (50 Students) visited UC Riverside on Friday, June 2, 2023. Students toured the campus and had lunch in the dining commons. Students were excited about the size of the campus and the number of students they saw. Students asked different questions that heavily focused on the social aspects of college, including intramural sports and food quality. One student asked about stress management. Another student did ask questions about the tour guide's major and why she chose that major. Each grade level was able to go on a college visit this year:

9th grade- UC Riverside

10th grade- UC Santa Barbara

11th/12th grade- UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Cal State University Monterey Bay, San Francisco State University

**College Admissions** The Class of 2023 have accepted admission to the following schools: Los Angeles Mission College- 3 Los Angeles Trade- technical College- 1 Santa Monica College- 1 Cal Poly Humboldt- 2 San Jose State University- 1 Cal State University Northridge- 9 Cal State University Fullerton- 3 Cal State University Los Angeles- 2 Cal State University Channel Island- 2 Cal State University Stanislaus- 1 Cal State University Chico- 1 University of La Verne- 1 Woodbury University- 2 Vanguard University- 1 UC Davis- 1 UC Santa Cruz- 1 UC Riverside- 2 UC Merced- 1

**Operations Facilities** Space is a challenge at BCCHS. LAUSD Maintenance and Operations installed the new electrical outlet in the main office so the copy machine could be moved to the front of the main office. Moving the copier allows for the back office to be used as a conference room, allowing for more flexibility. The installation was requested and paid for in December. Outreach and Recruitment Enrollment for the 23-24 school year is currently expected to be higher than the 22-23 school year by 7 students.

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## **YPICS Executive Director's Report**

### **G. Preliminary 23-24 Budget Presentation**

Irina presented the preliminary budget with projected revenue and expense assumptions. The final budget will be brought back to the Board on June 26, 2023.

### **H. Technology Replacement Plan Year 2 Update**

### **I. LCAP Update: Changes to 23-24**

## **IV. Consent Agenda Items**

### **A. Background**

### **B. Consent Items**

M. Green made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.  
C. Lopez seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **V. Items Scheduled For Action**

### **A. YPICS April 2023 Financials and Check Registers**

M. Green made a motion to approve the YPICS April 2023 financials and check registers as submitted.  
C. Lopez seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **B. Proposed FY23-24 Teacher Salary Table Increases and Retention Bonuses**

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the proposed 5% increase to the teacher salary table with a 5% bonus.  
W. Njboke seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **C. Contracts Above the Executive Director's Spending Authority**

C. Lopez made a motion to approve the MORCS Think Together Contract, the MORCS Youth Cinema Contract, the Relay Leadership and Teacher contracts and the Stile contract with the updated amount of \$80,094.  
W. Njboke seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **D. Hiring of a Chief Accountability Officer**

M. Green made a motion to approve the hiring of a Chief Accountability Officer.

W. Njboke seconded the motion.

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

#### **E. SFA Meal Vendor Selection**

C. Lopez made a motion to approve awarding the food services management contract to Fresh Start.

W. Njboke seconded the motion.

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

### **VI. Announcements**

#### **A. Closing Announcements**

5th grader promotion will be on Friday, June 9th at 9:00 AM.

8th grade BCCS culmination will be on Friday, June 9th at 6:00 PM

8th grade MORCS culmination will be on Friday, June 9th at 4:30 PM

12th grade BCCHS graduatio will be on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 PM.

The next regular board meeting will be June 26, 2023.

### **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 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Y. Zubia