



PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Charter Committee Meeting Minutes from March 22, 2019

Attendance

Dara Williams
Keri Kraft
Susan Ackerman
Larry Wiener
Tami Christopher
Paul Mittelbach
Lisa Saxon
Pam Magee
Paula Anderson
Student – Maddie Stein
Daphne Gronich (arrived late)

Janelle Ruley of Young, Minney & Corr presented
She is assisting with the Charter Renewal

Handout on Charter Renewal Presentation
Right now only 2018 Application Guide is online
Estimating that the 2019 Guide will be online around May
Application and potential appeals may take up to 10-11 months
Time constraints as to when can submit – certain application windows
So we want to get this submitted in July or August so that we can prepare for the worst-case scenario; it's likely that the earliest they will accept it in July

If District doesn't renew within 60 days, the Charter is automatically renewed
But if they can't meet the timeline they would likely ask for an extension

Movement within Charter School Association to submit at the same time as it makes it harder for them to target one of us.

Makes sense to work with the existing template and then later make the adjustments.
There are a series of new laws applicable to Charter Schools so the question is whether the Application Guide will incorporate those laws in the Application Guide
Doubtful that the headers will change significantly from 2018.



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Charter Schools have to follow some of the same rules that standard public schools have to follow and so they have to be incorporated
Some of it is boilerplate language

LAUSD oversight visit is May 8th and 9th

What are the chances of LAUSD indicating that school faculty and employees (interested parties) cannot sit on Boards?

Newsom has signed into law that a bill that carves out an exception for employees to sit on their Boards

Her belief is that if UTLA wants faculty/staff on the Board then LAUSD will acquiesce.

LAUSD will likely not require us to have a Board without faculty/staff but if they pushed the issue we could go to the county or the state to have one of those entities issue our charter.

Issues with Budget & Finance Committee having faculty and staff because they are interested parties.

DRL stands for District Required Language – this has to be in the charter

There will be new DRL. Most of it will not be objectionable but sometimes there will be a few things that we take issue with.

Overview of Charter Schools Act (in handout)

If we had to go to the county or state, we would have to submit a Prop 39 facility request in order to keep this facility

Hoping to get this done at the District level

15 Elements of the Charter (in the handout)

Most legal changes to 4, 6, 8, and 10

Suspension and Expulsion (10) – new procedure for involuntary removal

Admission Policies and Procedures (8) – if there is a big change it sometimes has to be done separately; District would have to approve of the preferences

She would think that efforts to maintain/increase diversity would be well received

Magnet

9th Grade 100/144 of Revere's Magnet 8th

10th Grade 99/147 of Revere's Magnet 9th

Transportation – an annual notice is required around transportation safety



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Charter schools are not required to provide transportation

May or June meeting for a resolution on the charter renewal.

Additional Documents required are listed in the handout

Need certain documents from administrators and board members
So it should be on the next Board meeting agenda so that we have them by May

Timeline (handout)

Discussion of Budget & Finance not having interested members
Don't need to have a Budget & Finance Committee

So for governance, we talked about the options for appointing some board members

Two things faculty we will want to have a voice in are:
The makeup of the Board and Budget & Finance
Priorities for admissions

Biggest issue we are dealing with is the cost of transportation and maintaining our diversity

Things to Do:

Board Member Resumes

Publicizing Budget & Finance Committee Issues

Job descriptions

Motion to approve the minutes made by Susan Ackerman

Paula Anderson seconds the motion

Paul Mittelbach abstains

Dara Williams abstains

All other members unanimously vote to approve the minutes

Next meeting is April 5, 2019