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Palisades Charter High School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 4:45 PM

Location
Gilbert Hall, Palisades Charter High School
15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

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Trustees Present

Andrew Paris, David Pickard IV, Karen Ellis, Maggie Nance, Rustin Kharrazi, Saken Sherkhanov, Sara Margiotta, Tyler Farrell

Trustees Absent
Kiumars Arzani, Kristina Irwin, Melissa Schilling, Robert Rene

Ex Officio Members Present
Dr. Pam Magee, Juan Pablo Herrera

Guests Present
Jeff Roepel, Martha Monahan

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Sara Margiotta called a meeting of the board of trustees of Palisades Charter High School to order on Tuesday Mar 19, 2024 at 4:55 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

Leslie Williams: A group of concerned parents are concerned with the safety of students at Pali High have come up with the following questions:
1. How are acts of extreme aggression handled on campus? What actions does the school take? How are fights handled?
2. Can a copy of the no-violence policy and no-bullying policy be distributed to parents?
3. Is there a 3-strike rule for violent behavior?
4. Are teachers supported when dealing with acts of aggression?
5. What behavioral training is available to teachers and students?
6. What are the students' rights in a self-defense situation?
7. Are there see something, say something drop boxes on campus?
8. Is there a consequence if a students sees something and does not say anything?

Kerry Dolon:
9. How do we avoid situations where students are in harm?
10. What is the monitoring policy of violence at school?
11. How does the school assure weapons are not at school?
12. Is there truth to the number of students Pali will not expel because it has an impact on charter renewal?
13. Will Pali bring in a conflict specialist?

C. Bademer: This email was sent on February 16th, 2024 to Pali High and Paul Revere Middle School. I am writing this letter regarding student violence. We have a police report and additional evidence of perpetrators. In October of 2023 Santa Monica Police Department and LAPD attending a search confiscated weapons at a Pali students home and he was put on a juvenile arrest program. Many families are terrified to go on record as their students have received death threats if they come forward publicly. This is an ongoing systemic issue that the school must address immediately. There are many families that are wiling to help and we have a lot of evidence. I don't want to be the one to say "I told you so" when this explodes to another level of violence. My priority is to protect my family and I do not give permission for any identifying features of this conversation to be shared with anyone other than appropriate authorities.

Vivianne Nacif: Do what you will with this information, but as this predatory behavior has escalated, do not come to the community after an inevitable tragedy. I am assuming we are on the same side here, but quite frankly this is pissing me and the community off.

Chris De La Rosa: I am here from SaMo High School and I have heard a lot of these acts. I feel bad for the families, victims, and community. I am from a family of educators and we have to ask ourselves what is our job as educators? We are robbing the kids of opportunities and these are children at the end of the day because of inaction. It is really sad to see all of the things happening to students and the community because of a blind eye. This could lead to something tragic and we cannot wait for something tragic to happen. We need to hold them accountable for their actions and they will grow up learning all the wrong lessons.

Lauren Armistad: I want to say that I believe you have not taken action because you do not understand the depth of the acts these kids have committed. There have been so many victims and we have formed a community groups to defend our community and children. These child has brought serious weapons and threatened to kill others, so maybe you are not understanding the seriousness of the situation. His social media is covered with threatening material.

Marsha Kamer: Ms. Rivin has been absent for 6 weeks and we have reached out to Dr. Lee and have not heard anything back. Ms. Iannessa did respond, but with no specific answer. These kids need a teacher and many of us are wondering if there is a virtual class where students can catch up. Is there any staffing that can be done to be sure these kids are receiving instruction? We see our kids floundering and many of us are having to hire tutors. We want to know if and when math instruction will begin again and it is untenable that it has gone on this long.

II. Risk Management Update

A. Risk Management Update

Dr. Pam Magee: I just to let everyone know we hear your concerns and there is a lot of misinformation in the community. We have been aware and have been working on this. Back to the emails from February and March, there is a lot of information we cannot share given that these are minors. We hear you and are working with community to find resolutions. We have a meeting tomorrow night on Zoom with the police department. If you log in to that Zoom call you will learn much more.

We have a lot in place here on campus. We work closely with our school police officer and LAUSD and LAPD to make sure all of our students are safe and that our campus is safe.

Saken Sherkhanov: How is extreme aggression handled on campus? Is the non-violence policy enforced?

Dr. Pam Magee: Yes

Saken Sherkhanov: How are teachers supposed to deal with the violence?

Maggie Nance: I am an alumni, teacher, and parent and I want everyone to know that we hear you, but we have to follow proper procedure. We all want solutions and we promise that now that we have your questions, we will have answers for you.

III. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel

Enter closed session at 5:25 p.m.

B. Employee complaint/Assignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release

C. Potential Litigation

IV. Open Session

A. Return to Open Session

Returned to open session at 6:05 p.m.

B. Report Out on Action Taken In Closed Session, If Any.

V. 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 6:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Margiotta