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Minutes

AMPS Board Retreat

Date and Time
Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Location
1450 Marina Way South, Richmond CA, 94804

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Directors Present
A. Emmanuelli, E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr., N. Driver

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Emmanuelli

Guests Present
E. Villa, S. Li

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

A. Emmanuelli arrived at 11:25 AM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Lopez Jr. called a meeting to order on Wednesday Jul 26, 2023 at 10:47 AM.

C. Announcements

No announcements were made.

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were made.

II. Business

A. Board Retreat

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez announces Gary Davis, the facilitator of the Board Retreat. Gary Davis introduces himself and shares his involvement in the community and in charter schools. He asks the board to share how they became involved in charter schools and their backgrounds. Gary shares the agenda for the day and covers the following areas: Norm Setting, Charter School 101, Board Governance, AMPS Priorities, Board’s

Role in AMPS, Priorities, and Board Skill Analysis & Recruitment. The board discusses changes in politics, senate bills, funding, districts, and how this affects charter schools. They also discuss the differences between non-profit, for- profit, independent charters, dependent charters, and private schools. Mrs. Villa shares her presentation on the history of AMPS and how the six schools came to be.

The AMPS Board of Directors takes a 45 minute lunch break and will resume at 1:00pm.

Gary resumes his presentation and discusses the charter school renewal process, petitions, and approval. The board discusses diversity in schools, leadership, teachers, unions, and families at the six schools. Gary shares his presentation on board governance and explains why boards exist. He shares committees that Amethod Public Schools board can adopt for the future. The board and Mrs. Villa discusses issues coming back from the pandemic, the support that is needed, what she would like to see from the board members, and what changes have been done at the site level. Mrs. Villa discusses the struggles of the lack of having a c-level cabinet to support her team. The board says they will discuss a plan of action to support Mrs. Villa.

Gary shares his slide covering topics of a board duties, priorities, and what the expectations are. Topics discussed between the board is an expectation to recruit more prospects, fundraise for the organization, and organizational support in operations and external affairs.

III. 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 2:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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