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Soleil Academy

Minutes

Soleil Academy Board Meeting: February 21, 2024

Date and Time

Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Location

12315 Thorson Ave Lynwood, CA. 90262 (Satellite Option: 3900 Agnes Ave. Lynwood, CA 90262)

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7564585437?pwd=cmdKc1huRFI4MjJGanVCLzZ6dHEwUT09>

Meeting ID: 756 458 5437

Passcode: 155911

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Board Meeting will be held at 12315 Thorson Ave Lynwood, CA. 90262 and on zoom on the above date and time. During the meeting, the Board will consider, discuss, and may take action upon any of the agenda items listed below.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Members of the public calling in or participating via Zoom will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the meeting. Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the “raise hand” function on the Zoom platform to indicate their desire to speak at the beginning of consideration of that agenda item or during the period provided for comments from the public on non-agenda items. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested (but not required) to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to

speak on each agenda item for a maximum of three (3) minutes per person or six (6) minutes if a translation is required.

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Directors Present

A. Pariano, J. Noel, S. Johnson, V. Gonzalez-Diaz, V. Reynolds

Directors Absent

J. Kinoshita

Ex Officio Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Non Voting Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Guests Present

DeAnna Jones (remote), M. Serrano, R. Avilez

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Pariano called a meeting of the board of directors of Soleil Academy to order on Wednesday Feb 21, 2024 at 5:04 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from 1/20/24 Soleil Academy Board Meeting

V. Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/20/24 Soleil Academy Board Meeting Soleil Academy Board Meeting: January 20, 2024 on 01-20-24.

V. Gonzalez-Diaz seconded the motion.

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

B. Approval of Minutes from 1/20/24 Academic Committee Meeting

V. Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/20/24 Academic Committee Meeting on 01-20-24.

V. Gonzalez-Diaz seconded the motion.

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

C. Approval of Annual Review of Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Motion to approve the annual review of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

R. Avilez discussed the need to update the school safety plan to include dangerous, unlawful, and violent activities outside of school property and transporting students.

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

III. Management Update

A. Soleil Management Updates

Highlights:

- Community Schools Grant submitted
- Students showed growth on winter administration of the MAP tests
- Held Sweetheart's Dance for Lower Academy scholars

Operations:

- Schoolwide attendance month 6 (90%) month 7 (89.53%)
- Currently 30% of scholars are chronically absent. Will be submitting J-13 Attendance Waivers for 10% loss in ADA
- Current enrollment is at 335.
- 2024-25 Enrollment- 109 more scholars needed to reach enrollment goal. Lottery will take place on March 5.
- Family engagement is strong. February Cafecitos had 105 attendees. Upcoming this month Catalina Island trip planning and parent workshops.
- Upcoming events: Black History Month assembly 2/28, Easter at the Park March 30

Facilities:

- Prop 39 response was received- offered 2 additional rooms at each site, but there is a significant increase in pricing. Private acquisition - seller won't entertain offers below \$5M

LCAP Mid-year update

- ELA and Math CAASP data - decline in both math and ELA in Year 2 and 3

- Attendance rates declined each year since pandemic
- Chronic absenteeism has been increasing over the past few years
- EI reclassification rate has been increasing each year
- Appropriately credentialed teachers-- there was a dip in 22-23 but increased following year to 92%

B. Annual Update to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Local Control Funding Formula Budget Overview for Parents (BOP)

IV. Finance Committee

A. Updates

B. Review of Financials

Deanna Jones presented the financials.

Even with the attendance hit in February we are still above our budgeted ADA.
Reduction in operating expenses.

Soleil is doing well in comparison to other schools.

C. Approval of Second Interim Report Draft (VOTE)

V. Reynolds made a motion to Approve the Second Interim Report Draft.

J. Noel seconded the motion.

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

V. Governance Committee

A. Updates

Discussed feedback: mentor for new board members, form to update board member biographies, next steps checklists.

Form 700 has been emailed for annual reporting

B. Amendments to the Board Meeting Calendar (VOTE)

S. Johnson made a motion to approve amendments to the Board Meeting Calendar.

J. Noel seconded the motion.

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

VI. Academic Committee

A.

Updates

Collective progress on MAP ela showed more than half of school year worth of growth. We attribute this to tier 1 instructional strategies and focus on phonics instruction.

Based on MAP math winter data, we collectively showed more than half school year worth growth (.63). We attribute this to instructional priorities and shift in upper grade math curriculum.

Next steps are to merge phase 2 and to begin 3/1, keep observation and feedback a focus, and responding to student data.

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 6:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Pariano