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Soleil Academy

Minutes

Soleil Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 25, 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>

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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.

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Directors Present

J. Noel (remote), K. Armstrong, L. Safa, S. Johnson, V. Gonzalez-Diaz, V. Reynolds

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

L. Safa

Ex Officio Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Non Voting Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Guests Present

Addison Grant (remote), M. Serrano, R. Avilez

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

S. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of Soleil Academy to order on Wednesday Sep 25, 2024 at 5:18 PM.

B. Record Attendance

As Jeffrey Noel is joining remotely, he will not count for quorum or vote today. Vice-chair Johnson will lead today's meeting.

II. Closed Session

A. Conference with legal counsel - Existing litigation

Case name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process.

Board members conferred with legal team YMC.

Leticia Ericson presented updates on litigation. During the closed session, board members were given direction on the existing litigation. Members present during the Closed Session were attorney Leticia Ericson and Board Members. No action was taken.
L. Safa arrived at 5:50 PM.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from 8/28/24 Soleil Academy Board Meeting

K. Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes from Soleil Academy Board Meeting on 08-28-24.

L. Safa seconded the motion.

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

B. Educator Effectiveness Fund (EEF) Report

Removed from the consent agenda by Vice-Chair Sonja Johnson.

IV. Management Update

A. Soleil Management Updates

LCAP Goals report out:

Goal 1 Progress:

Community Schools Kickoff Conference

Wrapping up beginning of year assessments

Transitioning over to Kelvin survey for family, staff, and student surveys

Goal 2 Progress:

iReady PD

Unit Internalization PD

CKLA PD

Goal 3 Progress:

Cafecitos

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

Spirit Week

Parent Informational Meeting: ParentSquare & PowerSchool

ADA for month 1 was about 94%

Total enrollment is 386 students

17 families attended Parent Square and PowerSchool Workshop

274 families attended Back to School Night = 70% attendance
51 families attended the first Cafecito meeting

Upcoming Events:

- 9/27- Hispanic Heritage Celebration at Soleil
- 10/31- Soleil Fall Parade & Trunk or Treat Event
- 10/31- Lynwood Halloween & Dia De Los Muertos Event
- 12/6- Christmas Parade in Lynwood

Facilities Committee Update:

Update upcoming on Prop 39 submission at Oct Board Meeting
Looking to bring new members onto Facilities Committee

Audit Ad Hoc Committee:

Discussed annual auditor selection process

V. Governance Committee

A. Updates from the Committee

Reminded to confirm attendance on BOT or email/text Jeffrey if you won't be able to attend a board meeting.

B. Bonus Structure for the 24-25 School Year (VOTE)

The board discussed the metrics and agreed upon the final version of the bonus structure.

V. Reynolds made a motion to Approve the Bonus Structure for the 24-25 School Year.

L. Safa seconded the motion.

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

VI. Finance Committee

A. Updates from the Committee

B. Review Financials

- Enrollment is above the budgeted number, resulting in an increase in LCFF Revenue.
- The forecast includes restricted one-time funds. The additional amounts available to spend through FY27/28 come from Educator Effectiveness funds and Learning Recovery Block Grant funds.

- Some categories are still estimates pending additional data.
- If enrollment stays steady, the enrollment forecast will be increased, which will increase LCFF revenue.
- The net income deficit will be balanced in the September financials.

VII. Academic Committee

A. Updates from the Committee

24-25 Priorities are collective ownership and People Development

The overall reading level for the school improved from approximately 1.94 (Fall 23) to 2.13 (Fall 24). While there is positive growth.

Improvement Across Grades: For example, 5th grade shows a significant increase from 3.81 to 4.15, indicating improvement in upper-grade reading proficiency.

Strategic Priority highlights:

- Coaches and grade level teams are internalizing and practicing Tier 1 strategies
- Our intervention program targets 2nd and 3rd graders who are 2 years or more below grade level, identified through STEP and MAP data. Scholars receive focused intervention while remaining in their grade-level ELA block. Progress is monitored every 6-8 weeks using STAR and STEP data, with students exiting when they are less than 0.5 years below grade level.
- i-Ready data (Math):
 - Across all grades, **Geometry and Algebraic Thinking** seem to be areas where a large number of students are struggling, especially evident in the high percentage of students in Tier 3 for these domains.
 - **Tier 2:** Across all grade levels, there is a consistently large group of students in Tier 2. These students are close to grade level but require structured interventions to avoid slipping into Tier 3.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Upcoming Board Meeting Items:

Amendments to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Approval of the Prop 39 submission to LUSD

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Johnson