

APPROVED



Soleil Academy

Minutes

Soleil Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 23, 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

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Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

V. Gonzalez-Diaz

Ex Officio Members Present

B. Gutierrez

Non Voting Members Present

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Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Noel called a meeting of the board of directors of Soleil Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 23, 2024 at 5:08 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from 9/25/24 Soleil Academy Board Meeting

J. Noel noted that during last month's board meeting, the minutes do not capture action taken coming out of Closed Session. He proposed to add the language that notes:
"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."

V. Reynolds noted S. Johnson called the meeting to order.

She also noted the order captured under Governance: bonus structure vote, the order of items needs a shift. The metrics discussion should be at the top before the motions being made by the board members to approve the vote.

V. Gonzalez-Diaz arrived.

K. Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/25/24 Board Meeting with amendments Soleil Academy Board Meeting on 09-25-24.

V. Reynolds seconded the motion.

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

B. Prop 39 Submission to Lynwood Unified School District

V. Reynolds asked a question about projected total ADA that was answered by R. Avilez. S. Johnson made a motion to approve Prop 39 submission to Lynwood Unified School District.

K. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

C. Amendments to the 24-25 School Safety Plan

R. Avilez outlined the changes that were made: staff roles and responsibilities and evacuation zones were updated.

S. Johnson made a motion to approve amendments to the 24-25 School Safety Plan.

K. Armstrong seconded the motion.

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

III. Management Update

A. Soleil Management Updates

LCAP Goal Actions:

- Community Schools Kick-off Conference, Kelvin Survey, Second Step- SEL Scholar Assessment
- Lesson Internalization Meetings, CKLA Onsite Coaches, CKLA Writing PD
- Cafecitos, October Wellness Month, ELAC Meeting

Operations:

- Attendance: Month 2 ADA 93.62%
- Enrollment: Current enrollment is 385
- Parent Engagement:
 - Total of 32 families attended September Cafecito.
 - 5th Grade information session. Middle School Fair

- Hispanic Heritage Event: Total estimated attendance of 453
- Upcoming: Bullying Prevention Safety Workshop, Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Fall Parade, Trunk or Treat
- Soleil will also be participating in Lynwood Halloween and Dia De Los Muertos Event and Lynwood Christmas Parade
- Facilities: Discussed on the 9/16 task force meeting- Prop 39 submission, bringing new members into the committee.
- Audit Ad Hoc: Discussed at 9/9 meeting-annual auditor selection process. Next meeting will cover audit draft findings.

IV. Governance Committee

A. Updates

Discussed recruitment of new members and upcoming Brown Act Training

V. Finance Committee

A. Updates

B. Financials

Enrollment is at budget, resulting in an increase in LCFF Revenue.

Forecast includes restricted one-time funds. An additional amount is available to spend through FY 27/28.

There are still some categories that are estimates until more data is received. These categories include but are not limited to SPED costs, nutrition revenue, etc.

We have a goal of spending as much of the Learning Recovery Block Grant as we can this year, so there will be some adjustments.

Net income was increased for the September forecast.

C. Bonus Payout(s)

V. Reynolds made a motion to approve bonus payouts.

J. Noel seconded the motion.

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

VI. Academic Committee

A. Updates

Objectives of today's presentation: Soleil Academy Board Members will be able to:

1. Explain a baseline analysis of academic performance trends from the 2023-2024 school year, including a comparison to the 2022-2023 data.

2. Identify key areas of growth and challenges based on the comparison of academic data between the two school years.
3. Articulate how this data informs future strategic actions to close achievement gaps and promote academic progress.

Principal Serrano compared the academic data from 2023-24 to that of 2022-23.

The data confirms:

- Phonics instruction is an area of growth
- Curriculum alignment was needed
- Improvements in Tier 1 Instruction needs to be a focus.

Steps taken:

- Comprehensive Coaching Structures
- Implemented Comprehensive Curriculum & Progress Monitoring Tools

Next steps:

- Enhance Tier 1 Instruction PD Calendar
- Curriculum Alignment
- Increase Differentiation and Small Group Instruction
- Data Dive Instruction Training

Next Steps by Level

- **Leader Level:** An Instructional Leader will present a mid-year PD to ensure schoolwide alignment. Instructional Leadership will analyze 23-24 academic data, set goals, and monitor progress to support achievement.
- **Teacher Level:** Use 23-24 data to support on-grade-level students and help others grow by strengthening tiered instruction and differentiation.
- **Student Level:** Students will receive targeted instruction to reinforce on-grade-level skills or close gaps, with progress monitored and adjustments made to ensure growth

Parent joining via Zoom asked about what happens when a student is behind academically- do they get left back? Principal Serrano briefly mentioned i-Ready provides differentiated instruction and that grade retention is on a case by case basis. She will touch base with parent tomorrow to discuss her concerns.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Topics forthcoming in November: Approval of Audit Draft

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Noel