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Soleil Academy

Minutes

Soleil Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM

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

OR

Join Zoom Meeting

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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, K. Armstrong, L. Safa, V. Reynolds

Directors Absent
S. Johnson, V. Gonzalez-Diaz

Ex Officio Members Present
B. Gutierrez, J. Kinoshita

Guests Present
A. 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 Apr 23, 2025 at 5:09 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from 3/29/25 Soleil Academy Board Meeting

V. Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from Soleil Academy Board Meeting on 03-29-25.
J. Noel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. School Meals Vendor Proposal for 25-26 School Year

V. Reynolds made a motion to Approve school meals vendor proposal for 25-26 School Year.

J. Noel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Management Update

A. Soleil Management Updates

LCAP Goal Progress

Goal 1:

- Cafecitos continues to be held on campus
- Scholars awarded scholar dollars to use at Soleil Store
- Bee a STAR Program to incentive 4th and 5th grades

Goal 2:

- Lesson Cycle Observations
- EOY observations
- Adjusting to Spring Data

Goal 3:

- Literacy Workshop
- MOCA Field trip
- Spring Egg Hunt

School Operations

- Schoolwide attendance: Month 9 ADA was 93.3%. We have been seeing moderate increases the past few months
- Enrollment: Enrollment has decreased since our last meeting. We are currently at 372, primarily due to families relocating.
- New student registration:
    - Not much has changed since the last meeting. We continue to have the same 52 offered seats
    - Registration for new families was due on 4/18.
- Re-enrollment
    - 94 families have completed the re-enrollment forms
        - 54 in-boundary
        - 40 out-of boundary
    - We are waiting on 225.
    - Re-enrollment period ends on 5/9.
- Parent Engagement:

- Soleil held a Fingerprint LiveScan event to increase the number of parent volunteers. 30 parents attended
- Spring Egg Hunt
- Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser: 82 families attended the event
- Tk-1st field trip to Underwood Farms: 27 parent volunteers
- Upcoming events:
  - Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Night Market- 5/16/25
  - 5th Grade Culmination Ceremony- 6/5/25
  - EOY Carnival/Field Day 6/6/25

B. Multi-year Facilities Agreement

Prop 39 Updates:

- FUA has been reviewed by all parties
  - Rent will increase by 3% each year, starting in the 25-26 SY.
- Proposed Changes by the Charter have been accepted, which include:
  - Increase in Parking Space at Rosa Parks Site (from 9 to 16); Same amount of parking at Mark Twain
  - FUA Language updated, further allowing the spaces provided by the district to be used by as Soleil deems necessary
  - Soleil maintains all classroom spaces as in this school year for the duration of the FUA.
- Going up to Lynwood board for approval Thursday, April 24

IV. Governance Committee

A. Updates

- Form 700 (conflict of interest disclosure) due date was extended to June 2. 50% of board has completed this.
- Preliminary discussions happening with potential board member candidates.

V. Finance Committee

A. Updates

25-26 Budget and LCAP Timeline

- Management team alongside ExEd have begun initial drafts of the 25-26 SY Budget

- Projections are based on the states preliminary budget; May 14 the revised state budget will be published, with some additional changes possible before final approval on June 15.
- Currently seeing cuts in revenue from both the state and federal (683k)
    - Increase costs in Salary/Benefits
    - Lower Budgeted Enrollment due to Enrollment Cap
- Management is currently working on identifying essential vs non-essential expenses, securing grants, finalize plans on reimbursement programs for SPED costs, further tightening our school practices as they relate to attendance to increase ADA%
- Our goal is to bring a balance budget to the board for approval in our June board meeting.
- Alongside the creation of our budget, we are working on the LCAP and will also be presenting this in our June board meeting.

B. March Financials

- Enrollment is currently 3 students below the budgeted level, while Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is exceeding projections by 10.86, resulting in a notable increase in LCFF revenue. Most of this increase is attributed to a higher In-Lieu of Property Tax rate.
- The forecast includes a significant amount of restricted one-time funding, with a portion still available to be used through fiscal year 2027–28. These remaining funds are primarily from Educator Effectiveness and Learning Recovery Block Grant programs.
- Net income is currently projected to be positive, and the year-end cash balance is also expected to be strong.

C. Approval of Exempt Tax Returns

K. Armstrong made a motion to approve exempt tax returns.
J. Noel seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Academic Committee

A. Updates

Spring Testing- Countdown to SBAC

- Daily SBAC Warm-Ups in ELA and Math during Morning Meeting
- SBAC Prep After School Tutoring for targeted review and practice
- Focused Small Group Interventions during intervention blocks
- Test-Taking Strategy Lessons (e.g., RACE, process of elimination, pacing)
- Data-Driven Review Cycles based on MAP, iReady, and STAR data

- Student Goal-Setting Conferences to empower and motivate scholars
- Spirit Week & Prep Rallys

i-Ready Highlights

- The median percentage of progress toward Typical Growth for this school is **94%**. Typical Growth represents the average annual growth expected for a student based on their grade level and initial placement.
- 20% of all students met 100% of their Stretch Growth goal, while 48% of students achieved 100% of their Typical Growth goal.

Key Findings:

- The i-Ready projections are aligned with our math SBAC predictions from the beginning of the school year.
- Final instructional groups have been adjusted based on the data from the spring report.

MAP Highlights:

We started Fall 2024 at the 37th percentile and reached the 43rd percentile by Spring 2025.

- K–2: Averaged 0.85 years of growth
- Grades 3–5: Averaged 1 full year of growth

Key Findings:

- According to the MAP projection feature, 25% of scholars were within 10 points of being projected to score a Level 3
- According to the MAP projection feature, 30% of scholars will score a 3 or a 4 on SBAC this spring.
- Instructional groups have been adjusted.

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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Noel