



# Aurum Preparatory Academy

## Minutes

### Aurum Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday October 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1034 66th Avenue, Oakland, CA, 94621

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#### Directors Present

A. Benedetto, J. JORDAN, M. Knutson, P. James, V. Toke (remote)

#### Directors Absent

*None*

#### Guests Present

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. JORDAN called a meeting of the board of directors of Aurum Preparatory Academy to order on Wednesday Oct 23, 2019 at 6:24 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

Joseph Weinstein-Carnes was listed as absent, but should not have been counted as attended.

James Jordan, instead of Abby Benedetto took and submitted the minutes.

M. Knutson made a motion to approve minutes from the Aurum Board of Directors on 09-25-19 Aurum Board of Directors on 09-25-19.

A. Benedetto seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. Approve Minutes - August Closed Session**

M. Knutson made a motion to approve minutes from the Closed Session on 09-25-19 Closed Session on 09-25-19.

A. Benedetto seconded the motion.

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

### **II. Public Comment**

#### **A. Public Comments on Non-Agenda items**

No public comment.

### **III. Closed Session: Personnel Evaluation**

#### **A. Personnel Evaluation**

The evaluation was moved to the next meeting, scheduled for December 4, 2019.

### **IV. Governance**

#### **A. Governance Committee Report**

#### **B. Upcoming Epicenter Tasks**

Monthly ADA summary and Shots for School summary are both due this month. We should be up to date after those submissions.

#### **C. California Dashboard**

Districts can deny charters based on financial impact.

County Boards retain authorization over schools they authorize.

The California Dashboard data will become a larger factor in reviewing and renewing the schools. David and Swati are gathering the data that is due November 1.

#### **D. Board On Track Training**

Board on Track training needs to be scheduled as a Zoom meeting (preferably 30 minutes). We could be using more of its capabilities. Parren will send a Doodle poll to identify a time for the training.

#### **E. Board Recruitment**

Karen Hayes is no longer available, but her husband Vincent Hayes has raised his hand. The other candidates, Bill Holsey and Christina Greenberg are still interested.

#### **F. Fundraising**

The reading material on board fundraising is for the board to begin thinking about an event that will bring in funds and donors to support the school. There is a good story, but we need to determine the best way to present it and engage them. We need to determine who is the target audience and how do we make a compelling argument for their support. We will discuss ideas as part of our December meeting.

### **V. Academic**

#### **A. Academic Committee Report**

Very robust meeting where they had just received the SBAC results. The next meeting they will do deeper dives into the data and recommend some strategies that the teachers can use for students who may be on the cusp of moving to the next band.

For English Learner Progress on the California Dashboard, this year's test will be the baseline because the testing instrument changed.

### **VI. Finance**

#### **A. Finance Committee Report**

A successor for our recruiter position has been identified. There will be a higher cost, but a good investment since enrollment is a key budget driver.

Our budget projection is showing "break even" for this year, but attendance needs is a key driver for revenue. If our ADA drops below our budget assumption (94%), then we will need to make the appropriate adjustments.

#### **B. Fundraising Strategies**

The board members discussed ideas for fundraising. One idea was thinking about the support that our Aurum graduates will need for high school and on to college.

### **VII. ED Report**

#### **A. Executive Director Report**

AB 1505 was reviewed.

The state is no longer authorizing charters. The only charters will be granted at the district and county level.

Teacher credentialing and the performance on the California Dashboard are going to become the key determinants for charter reauthorization.

For the Notice of Concern from ACOE, all items have been resolved. David showed the Board members the Coaching Tracking Spreadsheet that they are using for teacher tracking.

The school dashboard will be reformatted to mirror what is tracked in the California Dashboard.

For chronic absences, the staff is making home visits for those students.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Final Thoughts - Board Reflections**

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
J. JORDAN