



GOMPERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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GOMPERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT GCMS/GPA MEETING

November 17, 2009 5:00 P.M. Gompers Charter School Library, Cecil H. Steppe, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Winifred Hudgies, Najib Mesdaq, Dede Alpert, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe, Bud Mehan, Michelle Evans, Kimiko Fukuda, Pete Chodzko, Cecil Lytle and Tyler Cramer.

EXCUSED:

Mari Cruz Ávalos, David Valladolid and Rafael Hernández.

GUEST VISITORS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Kathryn Strom, Jenny Parsons, Lisa Maples, John Bartholomew, Jeremy Hurlbert, Jane Firpo, Joel Spengler, Barb Robinson, Karly Kerns, Ashley Wirth, Adam Lake, Larry Tamayo, ExED, Anne Richardson, Isaac Ramos, ASB president.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 by Cecil H. Steppe, the Board Chair. There was no request for public comment.

Board members reviewed the minutes of the September board meeting.

Motion to approve September Minutes: m/s/c Alpert/Chodzko no abstentions

The committee members reviewed the agenda items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Riveroll introduced the ASB President Isaac Ramos, who updated the board on our recent elections, the upcoming talent show, and our athletic department.

Director Riveroll introduced a slideshow of Open House that highlighted student performances and teachers' classrooms.

Director Riveroll updated the board on staffing changes, which include the resignation of Technology Director Tom Haakma and the medical leave of Deputy Director Allison Kenda. Three new technology assistants will carry on technology work and Barb Robinson has taken over many of Allison Kenda's responsibilities regarding the academic program. Karly Kerns is leading the math program, Ashley Wirth is leading the ENS program, Najib Mesdaq is overseeing Literacy, Peter Chodzko is overseeing History, and Jane Firpo is leading the work with our new Special Education program.

Lisa Maples informed the board that current enrollment has risen to 820 students; students continue to enroll; and we are currently on a wait list for sixth grade.

Ms. Maples also reviewed the intervention and prevention groups that are currently servicing students and spoke about community partners who are coming to campus to provide services, including Teen LEAP's Star Pals police program, Metro Urban Ministries mentoring program, and Union of Pan Asian Communities mental health program.

Chief of Staff Jenny Parsons updated the board about our submission of the modified GPA charter, encompassing grades 6-12, to the district, which has asked for minor edits and will make a decision at the December 1, 2009 Board of Education meeting. Ms. Parsons informed the board that if the merger is not accepted, GCMS will pursue a charter renewal.

Ms. Parsons also updated the board regarding the status of our multi-year lease agreement; although we signed an acknowledgement that we would be interested, there was not a formal offer made, so the Chief of Staff Office submitted a Prop 39 application for both GCMS and GPA in order to make sure that we have a facility agreement for next year.

Ms. Parsons updated the board on the first two long-term shared facility planning meetings between MTM and GPA. The district is currently drawing plans that represent an equitable sharing of the property, which will be revealed at the next meeting on December 3.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Kathryn Strom updated the board on the fundraising. Year to date fundraising includes \$148K and an additional \$600K in pending proposals. She invited the board to take part in the gala planning, reviewed upcoming visitors, and revealed a proposal to create a 501c3 organization, Friends of Gompers Foundation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Chodzko reviewed the financials of both GCMS and GPA, noting that in both schools, ADA for September was lower than budgeted, which could result in a loss of funding. However, he stated that the Finance Committee is certain that enrollment is continuing to rise, as evidenced by current Family Service Center data.

Mr. Tamayo presented a PowerPoint that demonstrated ADA cuts at the state level for the past two years. He spoke about how the budget cuts have affected GPA and potential additional cuts. His presentation revealed a loss of over \$700,000 in two years. In addition, the current projection is another \$200K to be cut. That means within two years, GCMS/GPA will have lost nearly one million in funding.

Mr. Tamayo explained that he and the director will be working on a revised budget which will take into account the proposed cuts. He will bring the new budget for board review in January.

Motion to accept September Finances m/s/c Chodzko/Alpert

Motion to approve September Finances m/s/c Steppe/Mesdaq

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mehan presented the Education Committee Report, noting that the Education Committee worked in conjunction with Jenny Parsons to complete the GPA/GCMS revised charter. In addition, Mr. Mehan

reviewed the school's work with Data Director, noting that UCSD is currently drafting a memorandum to allow CREATE to work our data.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Dede Alpert introduced Anne Richardson, Deputy Attorney of the city of Vista. Senator Alpert invited board members to interview Anne in anticipation of her proposed election to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Strom