

Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors – Envision Schools
Support Office, 185 Berry St., Suite 220,
SF, CA 94107
March 25, 2010, 4:00 PM
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I. PRELIMINARY

2. Call to order at 4:05 pm- Amy Verneti, Board Chair
3. Roll Call: Amy Verneti, Natalie Walrond, Bob Lenz, Helen Bulwik, David Cooper, Maida Stupski, Lawrie Mott, Matt Roche, Paul Carney, Nancy Farese, Vincent Matthews
4. Other: Anne Holmes, Bob Fyles, John Krull, Naomi Kellar, Miles Denniston, Brian Greenberg, Joelle Barrios

II. PRESENTATION

Non-agenda items.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (40 min)

1. Executive Committee (10 min) Bob Lenz and Bob Fyles reported
 - a. Report:
 - i. FY 11 Enrollment Update
 - ii. KPI update
 - iii. New staffing roles and responsibilities
 - iv. Facilities Update- Bob Fyles reported on the progress of each facility for all four schools. CAT has four new science classrooms, discussions are under way about METRO moving, Envision Academy will continue to stay where it is, Impact is moving to Darwin site, and the Support Office is moving to Oakland.
2. Finance Committee (20 min) David Cooper reported
 - a. Report:
 - i. Charter School Management Corporation (CSMC) update- ES has signed the agreement that was discussed at the January 2010 board meeting and has secured feature funding.
 - ii. Cash and Budget Snapshot- David explained that are our expenses are down and we are staying within the current budget.
 - iii. Outline of FY 2011 Budget Creation Process- David and Bob explained that it is a difficult process because of the uncertainty of state funding. Bob is working with department heads on Phase II

for next year's budget. Bob provided a further explanation that they are taking a more conservative approach but don't want to cut too much during the new process. Likewise, contingencies are being built in for after the summer.

3. Committee of the Trustees (10 min) Nancy Farese reported
 - a. Report:
 - i. Review Board KPI- Bob Lenz explained that the Board has improved on attendance to school events due in part to Helen Bulwik's participation.
 - ii. New board member update- Nancy explained that Bill Grayson declined his offer to become part of the board and Larry Rosenberger will be attending the June 3 meeting and has accepted the offer to be nominated to the board. The committee is still seeking board members.

4. Education Committee (10 min) Vincent Matthews reported
 - a. Report:
 - i. AP +- PBL approach to PBL Pilot with GLEF, UW and Gates- Vince deferred reporting to Brian Greenberg. Brian explained that ES would be participating in this pilot program with the University of Washington and the Gates Foundation. An AP Government course would be offered at all four ES schools and would not change the project-based learning curriculum. Also, Brian explained how he is working with Erika and Bob Lenz to simplify and scale back on the model to help make administration of the model easier for teachers. Erika Andrews has been conducting focus groups with the teachers to get feedback.

5. Development Committee (10 min) Lawrie Mott reported
 - a. Report:
 - i. Development Summary- Lawrie informed the Board about the Hearst Foundation grant that was awarded to ES. Also, it was noted that Anne Holmes sent out numerous proposals in February, which is moving the development efforts to a more active approach. Anne and Bob are working out a plan for next year's funding efforts that will be discussed with the Development Committee. Bob gave an update on his discussions with the Hewlett, Foundation Gates Foundation, and the Irvine Foundation.

V. ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS (5 min)

1. Consent Items

- Minutes from 1/28/10 Board Meeting
MOTION: Lawrie Mott moved to approve the 1/28/10 Board Minutes.
SECOND: Helen Bulwik seconded the motion.
All in favor none opposed.

VI. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (30 min)

1. Teacher Satisfaction Survey- Naomi Kellar and Joelle Barrios reported that the survey was given in January 2010 to get a better idea of how teachers are doing so far this school year. The stability with teacher retention is better overall at each of the schools this year except for CAT. Overall, charter schools have a higher turnover rate compared to larger school districts but we have gotten our rate down from 50% two years ago to 40% last year. Naomi and Joelle are working to get that rate even lower.
2. “Eyes Forward Assessment” Presentation- Bob Lenz provided a 20-minute presentation on that was done through his meetings with IDEO. The presentation was done to provide an opportunity for the Board to give feedback on how ES will be involved in the “Eyes Forward Assessment” process. Bob Lenz further explained how The Center for College and Career Success would be implemented through the “Eyes Forward Assessment” project and integrated into ES. Board members gave ideas and suggestions for receiving clarification on how the center will be structured and funded.

VII. CLOSED SESSION (10 min)

1. Consider the matters of student expulsions

VIII. DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT