

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Envision Schools
Envision Schools Support Office
185 Berry Street, Suite 220
San Francisco, CA 94107
Monday, April 30, 2007
5:00 – 8:00 pm

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

Bob Lenz called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

B. Roll Call

Present: Cory Gaines, William La Herran, Teresa Lai, Bob Lenz, Tom Kehler, Patrick Macias, Daniel McLaughlin, Amy Verneti, Joel Zarrow

Absent: Debra Meyerson, Sanjay Poonen,

Also Present: Shilpa Duvor, Jeri Howland, Bob Fyles, Chris Pelgrift, Jon Schwartz

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob Lenz announced that he will present at the NewSchools Venture Fund summit. He then highlighted several recent accomplishments of our schools not limited to, but including, college acceptances of MSAT seniors, impressive CAHSEE pass rates for CAT and Metro, and Envision Schools' first National Merit Scholar - Aaron Kalb.

B. FOR INFORMATION, BOARD/STAFF DISCUSSION

1. Nicaragua Trip Presentation (Anne Raeff and students)
Anne Raeff, Suzanne Motely, Angelica Grisales, and Ana Sanz presented a picture slideshow of the Nicaragua Trip. They highlighted the community service work of volunteering for a disabled students school as a wonderful learning experience. Discussion ensued regarding what students and teachers learned on the trip. Bob Lenz thanked the teachers, Jon Schwartz, and Josh Brankman for all their hard work.
2. Kaleb Lawson Interview (Daniel)
Daniel McLaughlin introduced and presented a video interview with an MSAT senior, Kaleb Lawson. He stated that this was filmed for and shown at the Impact Academy Community Kickoff, where it was incredibly well received. Bob Lenz noted that St. Mary's College gave Kaleb a great scholarship.
3. Enrollment Update (Jon Schwartz)
Jon Schwartz presented an enrollment update. Discussion ensued regarding Envision Academy and use of the Webster Street building in enrollment recruitment. Additionally, Envision Academy's enrollment numbers and a contingency plan was discussed. Daniel McLaughlin noted that Envision has devoted many resources to Envision Academy enrollment and that Oakland Unified School District has changed its policies towards charter schools for the better.

4. Facilities Update (Bob Fyles)
Bob Fyles presented an update on facilities. Daniel McLaughlin summarized features of Metro's new facility at Newcomer High School. He also noted that when Metro students were surveyed, 90% preferred Newcomer to a shared facility in Bayview. Discussion ensued regarding conditional modular permits for CAT. Bob Lenz acknowledged the hard work of Daniel McLaughlin to garner two facilities for CAT and Metro. Bob Fyles summarized the Prop 39 offer for MSAT and the other options on the table.

III. CLOSED SESSION

The closed session was convened at 6:00 pm.

IV. DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION

The open session was reconvened at 7:16 pm. There was nothing to report from closed session.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

1. Consent Calendar

- A. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2007
- B. Review of Envision Schools Check Register (from EdTec)
- C. Approval of Auditor
- D. SELPA Assurances

Language contained in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended in 2004, and accompanying regulations, require SELPAs to have on file with the California Department of Education (CDE) policies and procedures that demonstrate that the SELPAs meet the requirements of Part B of IDEA [20 USC 1413 (a) (1); 34 CFR 300.220]. To comply with this requirement, all SELPAs and LEAs will submit a signed SED-LP-5, LEA Assurances.

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

VOTE: MACIAS/GAINES

Vote: 8 Ayes; 0 Nays

2. MSAT Grand Jury Report (Bob Lenz)

Bob summarized Envision Schools' response to the Grand Jury Report.

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE RESPONSE TO THE GRAND JURY REPORT

VOTE: KEHLER/ZARROW

Vote: 8 Ayes; 0 Nays

3. Upper Division Transition Policy (Bob Lenz)

Bob Lenz summarized the need for an Upper Division Transition Policy. It is imperative that Envision Schools make sure that a student is ready and on track to graduate. He clarified that this is only an introduction and questions can be asked at a future Board meeting, when the policy will be voted on.

4. MSAT Facilities (Bob Lenz)

Bob Lenz stated Envision Schools needs to reply to NUSD's Prop 39 offer by May 11th. He noted that Envision will accept the portion of NUSD's offer with respect to the in district students only. The acceptance will include benchmarks and deadlines. Envision Schools will continue to look for alternatives.

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE TO GIVE STAFF DIRECTIVE TO RESPOND TO NUSD'S PROP 39 OFFER UNDER THE TERMS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY

VOTE: La HERRAN/LAI

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOVE TO ADJOURN

VOTE: KEHLER/GAINES

Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.