



Approved Minutes
Plumas Charter School
Special Board Meeting # 187
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 3:00 PM
175 N. Mill Creek Road, Quincy, CA 95971

- I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order 3:07p by Bill Gimple.
Present: Bill Gimple, Denise Battagin, Judy Gimple, Lucia Biunno, Cary Walters, Taletha Washburn, Janet Wolcott, Aurora Westwood.
Absent: Cindy Thackeray, Sue Weber.
- II. Approval of Agenda
Motion to combine Items C and F and Table Item E, and approve as amended by Judy Gimple; 2nd by Janet Wolcott.
Motion unanimously carried.
- III. Approval of the September 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes and the October 10, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve 9/17/13 and 10/10/13 Minutes by Lucia Biunno; 2nd by Judy Gimple.
Motion unanimously carried.
- IV. Public Comment
Linda Batson relayed positive comments and feedback concerning the Drama Program at IVA.
- V. Topics for Discussion
 - A. Attendance/ADA Report
A discussion was held and chart of ADA trends was reviewed.
 - B. Directors Report
 1. WASC Results and school approach to addressing needs
It was stated that WASC presented a PowerPoint summary of their visit and it was positive in nature, overall; and that constructive areas for improvement were discussed and agreed upon. One such area would be the cohesiveness of the high school programs at all PCS sites. The accreditation approval period will not be given until late January and annual progress reports to WASC are now mandatory. It was also stated that PCS will begin holding quarterly ‘entire staff’ meetings beginning 11/22/13.
 2. Chester site move
It was stated that upon a short notice to vacate from the existing landlords, a new location was secured and the move has been made. The building is new and will fit the Chester site needs well.
 3. Fall Performance on Friday Nov 22 at 6pm
The Quincy Learning Center will hold the first annual Fall Showcase. All grades will participate in musical or dramatic presentations designed around academic topics of learning from the first semester.
 - C. Removing “Advisory Board Comments” from the board agenda.
See Item F for notes.
 - D. New Board Member: Melody O’Brian
Melody was in attendance for the first time and introductions were made. See Action Items for swearing in.

~~E. Quarterly Report on GHS/IVA Partnership (Sue Weber and Gary Miller) – **TABLED**~~

F. Brown Act update (Bill Gimple)

A discussion was held concerning the information Bill Gimple received during a Brown Act presentation by Jennifer McQuarrie at the CSDC Leadership Conference in October. The decision was finalized that Advisory Board Comments cannot be a part of our regular board meeting agendas. Also discussed was the need to avoid group email situations among board members.

G. CSDC Leadership conference report (Taletha, Bill, Judy, Cindy, Gwen, Sue and Steve)

1. LCFF and LCAP

Taletha Washburn discussed her attendance at this presentation and that information from all sources is still quite limited and inconclusive.

2. Governance

Bill Gimple discussed his attendance at this presentation on how to work well between board members and charter school staff.

3. Common Core

Judy Gimple discussed her attendance at this presentation stating it was very informative and heavy on information. She will compile and condense her notes for any interested parties.

4. Project Based Learning

Sue Weber and Cindy Thackeray attending this presentation but were absent from this board meeting.

5. Smarter Balanced Testing

Taletha Washburn reported that PCS will be participating the Smarter Balanced Field test in the spring.

H. Treasurer's Report

Steve Hill was not in attendance and therefore unable to give a report.

I. EdTec Financial Update (John Westerlund)

1. YTD Financials

There was a discussion that spending is over budget at this time however, the current ADA projections are based on 193 and not our actual ADA, which is higher by nearly 20 students. John spoke about the over spending being related directly to increase in hiring (payroll).

2. Updated Budget

A discussion was held around the updated budget.

J. Title I Policies (new to PCS)

1. Parental Involvement, Homeless Student, Protected Prayer, and Student Expression

It was stated that PCS currently has a Board approved policy on Student Expression, therefore we do not need to discuss this policy. Minor suggestions were made for changes to Protected Prayer policy.

K. Consider changing excess liability carriers from SELF to CharterSafe

A discussion was held that the benefits of moving excess liability from SELF to CharterSafe are worthwhile. The decision was not made an Action Item and will be included on the December 17, 2013 Agenda.

VI. Action Items

- a. Swear in of new Board Member
Melody O'Brien was sworn in by Secretary, Denise Battagin.
- b. Approval of September Purchases, Encumbrances and Expenditures
A motion to approve was made by Lucia Biunno, 2nd by Denise Battagin.
Motion unanimously carried.
- c. Approval of October Purchases, Encumbrances and Expenditures
A motion to approve was made by Melody O'Brian; 2nd by Cary Walters.
Motion unanimously carried.
- d. Approval of Updated Budget
A motion to approve was made by Janet Wolcott; 2nd by Judy Gimple.
Motion unanimously carried.
- e. Approval of Title I Policies
A motion to approve as amended was made by Taletha Washburn; 2nd by Janet Wolcott.
Motion unanimously carried.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Gimple; 2nd by Taletha Washburn.
Motion unanimously carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

PCS Secretary

Date