



GOMPERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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GOMPERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOINT GCMS/GPA MEETING

March 16, 2010 5:00 P.M. Gompers Charter School Library, Cecil H. Steppe, Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dede Alpert, Anne Richardson, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe, Bud Mehan, Kimiko Fukuda, Tyler Cramer, Pete Chodzko, Najib Mesdaq, David Valladolid and Mari Cruz Avalos.

EXCUSED:

Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez and Winifred Hudgies.

GUEST VISITORS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Kathryn Strom, Jenny Parsons, Lisa Maples, John Bartholomew, Barb Robinson, Karly Kerns and Joel Christman, Keiller Leadership Academy.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Cecil H. Steppe, the Board Chair. Cecil welcomed board members and staff.

NON-AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel Christman offered thanks to Mr. Steppe on behalf of Keiller Leadership Academy for his work to help resolve the on-loan employee issues with the San Diego Unified School District.

Mr. Steppe reviewed the minutes from the two board meetings held in January.

Motion to accept the January 19 minutes m/s/c Mehan/Chodzko

Motion to approve January 23 special meeting minutes: m/s/c Chodzko/Richardson Alpert/Cramer Abstain

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Steppe requested that board members help fundraise the costs of Math Academy and Saturday Academy.

Senator Alpert committed the cost of Saturday Academy from her Price Charities Fund.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Riveroll presented a new promotional video that will be used for a variety of marketing and recruitment purposes.

Director Riveroll updated the staff on budget as pertaining to the instructional program. At the semester, approximately \$118,000 was cut through various methods, both classroom and non-classroom.

Director Riveroll shared that Bud Mehan and Kimiko Fukuda have been going on classroom instructional walk-throughs every Tuesday with our academic resource teachers.

Director Riveroll explained efforts to raise student achievement across the board, sharing that teachers have identified the students who have a GPA lower than 2.0, and have created folders for each to monitor and mentor to ensure that EVERY student can succeed, and no child falls through the cracks.

The Director introduced Ms. Maples, who led Challenge Day on February 19, where over one hundred students participated in a character education program addressing issues such as bullying, peer pressure, and cliques. As a result of this program, a "Be the Change" committee has been formed of students carrying the message of Challenge Day to the rest of their peers.

Ms. Maples also updated the board on "Connect Ed," our new, more efficient communication system that allows us to email parents, call via phone, or text message to increase attendance.

Director Riveroll introduced Ms. Parsons, who updated the board on our District audit, which will take place on Thursday, March 18.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Alpert updated the recruitment process for a new development director. The Development Committee will be holding interviews during April in hopes of bringing on a new development director for training before Ms. Strom's departure.

Senator Alpert updated the board on the current fundraising efforts of the Development office, which include 24 letters of inquiry sent to local foundations. Senator Alpert asked that the board look over the list of foundations and make contact with appropriate entities.

Senator Alpert and Ms. Strom updated the board on the upcoming gala on April 11. Senator Alpert asked the board to each fill one table of ten guests.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Chodzko shared the financials from January from GCMS and GPA. GCMS is negative in many areas due to continued deferments from the state. However, GCMS has sufficient cash on hand to make it through the year with the required 3% in reserves.

Motion to approve January Financials from GCMS and GPA m/s/c Alpert/Mehan

The Finance Committee recommends that the board approve a line of credit with Wells Fargo of \$250,000 to make sure that GCMS will be covered if any unforeseen events lead to our reserves dropping below 3%.

After a short discussion, the board agreed that authority could be delegated to the executive committee to approve the application for a line of credit.

Motion to delegate authority to Executive Committee to approve application of Revolving Line of Credit from Wells Fargo. m/s/c Mehan, Alpert

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Mehan recapped the interview that he conducted with Director Riveroll for SDNN was published for the Five Year Anniversary of GCMS. He also informed the board that an article he had written regarding Gompers was published

Mr. Mehan spoke about the recent controversy at UCSD, which may result in increased commitment to preparation of students in underrepresented populations in the UC System.

Mr. Steppe shared that he had met with Chancellor Fox and felt that progress was made toward this goal.

BOARD AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Alpert updated the board on the status of the open UCSD position, stating that once granted tenure, Professor Yang will be hopefully joining the board next year to fill the university faculty position.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by K. Strom