

IVA Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
7:30 - 9:15 PM
3601 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90807
Main Office

Members present: Steve Porter, Dan , Gregg Whelan, Rebecca Irwin, Janet Watt, Shelly Millsap, Karyn Pace, Edward Castro

1. Call to Order - Steve called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

Report on closed session item

- a. Academy personnel issue: James McGrath reported no action was taken. The employee has since resigned.

2. Public Hearing - nothing to report

3. Consent Agenda Items - Student handbook changes for The Academy, LACOE contract for retirement

Unanimously approved

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4. Public Comments on Agenda Items - Rueben M. came to speak on 7b) re: Spanish elective options and share his support for the Curriculum Committee's recommendation.

5. Staff Reports - James introduced teachers Dustin Schmidt and Michelle Earley. They gave a brief report on what they're working on in with their students. Jacquie gave an overview of all that has been accomplished in the first month of school. She shared an email from a parent about Back to School Night.

6. Business Items

- a) Marketing - report was emailed
- b) Academic Oversight -. Dan gave a report of the Cirr. Comm. meeting. They looked at all the options presented by the parents and determined that none of the originally proposed options were aligned with the mission and vision of the school. New ideas came to the surface and the one the Committee is recommending is adding a one semester course during the second half of the year for the 10 students who were interested in taking Spanish. This would include hiring a part time teacher within the normal and standard hiring procedures. The parents will contribute [within the range of \$6,000 - \$10,000]. This would be a semester-long exploratory course vs a foreign language course that would transfer to high school. It would not affect the other elective courses. There was also mention by the parents about possible connections within the educational community for the part time candidate. If there is not a viable candidate, this

option will not be offered. The parents will also explore the option for summer courses in Spanish that can earn HS credit. Gregg asked if there was talk about how they might fund the teacher. The response was there was no discussion about the finances because the search for a teacher has to begin first, and a viable candidate can be found. The question was also posed - how will this situation be avoided in the future? Dan responded that this question was discussed, and that we need to establish a protocol. Shelly asked if we can create a review of the process as well? Steve also stated that we need to be very clear that there is a limited number of spots for each elective, and if you don't get in, that is the situation. Janet asked how soon the position would be posted and Jacquie responded within one week. Recommendations can be directed to the posting on EdJoin.

c) Finance - EdTec was present to report on the finances for the middle school and the high school.

Steve moved to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) Spending plan.

Second: Janet

Unanimously approved

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Steve moved to approve the unaudited actuals from 2015-2016

Second: Dan

Unanimously approved

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Steve moved to approve the amended 2016-2017 budget for the high school

Second: Shelly

Steve asked how this meets the LACOE threshold. James said any 20% variance requires approval from the board. He inquired in July and LACOE said it was not an issue, just let them know in October. Approval is based on the condition that the ending final balance is adjusted to account for benefit expenditures in the prior year.

Unanimously approved.

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d) Disciplinary - nothing to report

e) Policy - nothing to report

f) Board Governance

Gregg nominated Evan Hammersbach to the board during the last meeting. He introduced Evan. Evan will be appointed during the October 19th meeting.

Eric Churchill nominated Karyn Pace at previous meeting.

Steve moved to renew the terms for board member Karyn Pace for one year.

Second: Gregg

Unanimously approved

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g) Facilities -

h) Leadership Oversight - nothing to report

i) Fund Development - Gregg reported we are almost sold out and may even add another table. Because of our Honoree for the inaugural Virtues In Practice [VIP] Award, Diane Jacobus, many notable attendees will be attending the Gala. We are going to have a paddle raise for the food program to try and feed 30 students.

8. Public comments on items considered in open session - Jim Serrao asked a clarifying question - re: whether or not the semester would be exploratory or accelerated? Dan responded that it is an exploration of a foreign language.

9. Future Business - none

10. Call to Adjourn - Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM

Next Meeting: October 19th, 2016