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## **IVA Board Meeting** **Wednesday, June 7, 2017**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

3601 Linden Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807, Classroom 113

### **Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Eric Churchill, Karyn Pace, Steve Porter, Edward Castro, Evan Hemmersbach, Darin Early (entered at 7:14), Rebecca Irwin (entered at 7:16). **Absent:** Gregg Whelan, Rachel Weizmann, Dan Hertzler, Shelly Millsap.

**Staff:** Jacquie Bryant, James McGrath, Rachel Gordon, Summer Sanders.

**Guests:** Jason Baehr

**Community:** no community members present

1. **Call to order and overview:** Eric Churchill called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Items on the agenda include: consent agenda (HS calendar change and approval of Feb 1, 2017 minutes), outreach summary, lottery results (HS), student survey results (HS), financials, audit RFP, admissions policy change (MS), and lease addendum (HS).
2. **Announcement of Closed Session Items:** no closed session items
3. **Public comments on items considered in closed session:** no closed session items
4. **Move into Closed Session:** no closed session items
5. **Report of closed session items:** no closed session items
6. **Return to Open Session:** no closed session occurred
7. **Public Hearing:** nothing submitted ahead of the meeting
8. **Public Comments on Current Agenda Items:** no public comments
9. **Understanding Our Mission:** Elliot Churchill (6<sup>th</sup> grade student) and Rachel Gordon (teacher) shared their first year experience.
10. **Consent Agenda:** (1) 5/5/2017 Minutes, (2) Check Register MS; (3) Check Register HS; (4) Policy Renewal (Freedom of Expression Policy and Homeless Education Policy); (5) Protection of Prayer Certification; (6) General Assurances as part of Consolidated Application; (7) Academic Calendar and Bell Schedule; (8) Charter Safe Insurance Renewal.

**Motion:** Karyn Pace moved that board approves the consent agenda items.

**Second:** Steve Porter

**Discussion:** Check Register for MS and HS Academic Calendar and Bell Schedule was pulled from Consent Agenda

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

**11. Business items**

**a. Marketing/Outreach:**

MS – Rebecca Irwin sent an email report.

HS – nothing to report.

**b. Academic Oversight:**

MS – LCAP (2017–2018) approval.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to approve MS LCAP

**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

MS – Teacher hiring.

Eric Churchill brought up board’s involvement in teacher hiring and it was informally discussed by the board that teacher hires will be brought before the board for approval and a BIM will be prepared for board consideration. This involves no substantive change to how the board has been evaluating teacher hires.

MS—History Teacher Hire of Kimberly Anderson.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to hire Kimberly Anderson for one-year, at-will contract.

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Subsidiary Motion:** Strike the term “one-year” from the original motion

**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous for both motions.

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

MS—History Teacher Hire of Caitlin Fountain.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to hire Caitlin Fountain for at-will contract.

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Discussion:** Discussion ensued regarding potential bias of hiring a relative (sister) of a current employee. Current employee did not recuse himself from the final vote and some board members informally suggested that for the future any relations recuse themselves.

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS – LCAP (2017–2018) approval.

Two changes from last year. (1) There is data for this year's LCAP because there has been a year of operation (e.g., surveys). (2) Actions to target demographic served.

**Motion:** Steve Porter moved to approve HS 2017–2018 LCAP

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—English Teacher Hire of John Rodriguez.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to hire John Rodriguez for at-will contract.

**Second:** Steve Porter

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—Science Teacher Hire of Sarah Fordyce.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to hire Sarah Fordyce for at-will contract.

**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach

**Discussion:** There was a question regarding a split decision regarding these candidates. James McGrath spoke to the process.

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—Spanish Teacher Hire of Jill Linderwell.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to hire Jill Linderwell for at-will contract.

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—Bell Schedule Change

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to adopt the Academy's board schedule and academic calendar, subject to any changes required by LACOE.

**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach

**Discussion:** LACOE is still auditing and any recommended changes will be applied.

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

c. **Finance:**

MS—Levi from EdTec reported on April financials. MS financials are sound.

**Motion:** Evan Hemmersbach moved to approve the 2017–2018 budget for IVA (MS).

**Second:** Steve Porter

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

**Motion:** Steve Porter moved to approve the 2017–2018 EPA resolution and spending for IVA (MS).

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—Chang from EdTec reported on April financials. HS financials are sound.

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to approve the 2017–2018 budget for the Academy (HS).

**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to approve the 2017–2018 EPA resolution and spending plan for the Academy (HS).

**Second:** Karyn Pace

**Discussion:**

**All in favor:** Unanimous

**All opposed:**

**Abstentions:**

**Item #:**

HS—Approval of Application for the 2017-2018 Title I-II Funding

**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to approve the Application for the 2017-2018 Title I-II Funding.

**Second:** Steve Porter

**Discussion:** Chang mentioned that next year is an ideal time to apply for the Title

I-II funding.  
**All in favor:** Unanimous  
**All opposed:**  
**Abstentions:**  
**Item #:**

d. **Disciplinary:**  
Nothing to report.

e. **Policy:**  
Nothing to report.

f. **Board Governance:**  
Board training on Brown Act and Director Duties by Merrick Wadsworth from Procopio (began at 9:11pm and ended at 9:48pm).

Resignation of Gregg Whelan.

Appointment of Dan Hertzler for the board.  
**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to appoint Dan Hertzler for a three-year term.  
**Second:** Rebecca Irwin  
**Discussion:**  
**All in favor:** Unanimous  
**All opposed:**  
**Abstentions:**  
**Item #:**

Eric Churchill nominated Richard Williams for the board.

g. **Facilities:**  
Nothing to report for MS.

HS lease addendum.  
**Motion:** Eric Churchill moved to authorize the execution of the lease addendum.  
**Second:** Evan Hemmersbach.  
**Discussion:** Rebecca Irwin asked whether sub-leasing would be possible if HS found another location in the next 3 years. James McGrath determined that it would be unlikely for the HS to find a preferable location in the next 3 years.  
**All in favor:** Unanimous (Edward Castro recused himself from the vote)  
**All opposed:**  
**Abstentions:**  
**Item #:**

h. **Leadership Oversight:**  
Evaluation of the principals is still being developed.

i. **Fund Development:**  
Nothing to report.

**12. Reports:**

Chairperson's Report: Productive meeting with LACOE and good feedback on our governance process with lots of great suggestions. A couple of suggestions included:

- i. Providing an updated roster with appropriate board titles.
- ii. Need for an evaluation process.
- iii. Updated website (my suggestion).
- iv. Allow others to make motions.
- v. Credit card policy in fiscal policy.

IVA Principal Report: Parent survey results are glowing. Incoming applicants for next year look strong in terms of diversity.

Academy Principal Report: Final interview for curriculum of instruction position this Friday.

**13. New Items of Business:**

**14. Announcements:**

Next meeting is August 2, 2017.

**15. Call to adjourn and next meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Steven L. Porter, Vice-Chair

Approved: August 9, 2017