

Larchmont Charter School
MINUTES
Regularly Scheduled Board of Directors Meeting
668 South Catalina Street, Los Angeles, CA 90005
August 31, 2010

OPEN SESSION

- The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. by Danny Corwin, Chair.
- Names with “X” indicates present:

Board of Directors:			
Dragon, Kriste	X	Francis, Marya (Sec)	X
Straub, Gene	X	Loeb, Gabi (Treas)	X
Boylston, Heather		Wright, Richard	
Cade, Carl	X	Young, Amber	X
Corwin, Danny (chair)	X		

Larchmont Schools & ExED Staff:			
Brian C. Johnson (Executive Director)	X	Kristin Droege (LCW Principal)	X
Dolores Patton (LCS – Head of Elementary School)	X	Rick Esquivel (LCS – Head of Middle School)	X
Joe Meza (ExED)	X	Cynthia Palacios	X

- **Quorum:** Yes

1. Closed Session

- The Board recessed into Closed Session at 6:51. At 7:00, the Board reconvened into Open Session and reported out that a legal settlement at LCS had been discussed with the Board.

2. Approval of the July 11th and June 1st Minutes

- Gabi Loeb reminded the Board that he had been at attendance at the July 11th meeting. The minutes were changed to reflect that.
- Danny Corwin moved to approve the minutes as amended. Carl Cade seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- Brian C. Johnson said he would notice the approval of the May 28th minutes for the October Board meeting.

3. Student Achievement Update

- Brian C. Johnson gave the student achievement update which included:
 - LCW’s 2nd graders performed on par with the highest performing schools in the area on the English-Language Arts (ELA) California Standards Test (CST).
 - LCW’s 2nd graders performed on par or better than the 2 of the top 3 highest performing schools in Los Angeles.

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- LCS had its best year yet on the CST with the majority of students scoring Advanced on both the ELA and Math CSTs.
- Furthermore, the achievement gaps by race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status in math were closed by substantial margins.

4. Finance

- Joe Meza presented the 2009-2010 Financials which came to the Board with Finance Committee recommendation for approval. Gene Straub motioned for their approval; Gabi Loeb seconded. They were approved unanimously.
- Joe Meza presented the July 2010 Financials for LCS and LCW. Gene Straub motioned for their approval; Gabi Loeb seconded. They were approved.
- Brian C. Johnson asked Joe to bring the July 2010 Financials for CAO to the next Board meeting.
- Brian C. Johnson read the Resolutions for the Authorization for LACOE to issue funds to LCS and LCW. Gene Straub motioned for their approval; Danny Corwin seconded. They were approved.

5. Discuss Strategic Goals Recommendations

- Brian C. Johnson Read the Strategic Goals recommendations.

6. Public Comment

7. Approval of Strategic Goals Recommendations

- Kriste Dragon asked Brian C. Johnson to bring a retention and attrition analysis to the October Board meeting.
- Gene Straub asked that we begin to consider an Annual Report to the public about our successes to date and an outline of where we are headed.
- Kriste Dragon motioned to approve the Strategic Goals Recommendation; Gene Straub seconded. They were approved unanimously.

8. Approval of Diversity, Community, and Other Goals

- Brian C. Johnson presented the diversity goals.
- Kriste Dragon asked that the Parent Survey goals be amended to include a goal for no meaningful gap by race, ethnicity, or socio-economic status. Brian amended the goals as such.
- Carl Case motioned to have the goals approved. Amber Young seconded. The Diversity, Community, and Other Goals were approved unanimously.

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9. School Safety Plan

- Brian C. Johnson presented the status of the safety plans at all 3 campuses and noted that we are on track to ensure all personnel are fully trained on them by 9/8/2010.

10. Public Comment

11. Executive Director Comments – There were none.

12. Board Chair Comments – Danny Corwin thanked the school leaders for all their hard work in getting the schools ready for students. He thanked the Board for their support and expressed his commitment to work with the Executive Director to find new board members with experience in fundraising and facilities. He expressed his excitement for drafting a charter to allow the Larchmont Schools to expand to high school.

13. New Business – There was none.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.