

Kids Unlimited Academy, A Public Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2016

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Board Members Present: Pedro Cabrera, Tom Cole, Carol Fischer, Martha Ibarra, Sister Mary Pat Naumes, & Jeri Olson

Board Members Absent: Linda Evans, Sister Mary Pat Naumes, Frank Phillips, & Carolyn Hayes

Gues Present: Greg Aldridge

Staff Present: Lynn Eccleston

Staff Absent: Jared Ware

Next meeting: August 16, 2016 at 7:30 AM

I. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes

Pedro Cabrera called the meeting to order and asked the board to approve the minutes. Linda Evans moved to approve the minutes, Jeri Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

II. Introduction of Greg Aldridge

Greg Aldridge introduced himself and talked about his 20 years experience working in education in California including award winning recognition in Sonoma School District. Greg shared his intent in working as a member of the Kids Unlimited Academy board.

III. Budget & Financial Report

Tom Cole noted that the KU finance team was in the process of closing out the 15/16 fiscal year and preparing financials for audit. Tom also gave an update in Jared Ware's absence on the status of the state charter grant, which has a pending waiver with the federal government. He noted that he would be reaching out to Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley for visits to Kids Unlimited over the next month. He noted that he would keep the group informed if there are any updates.

IV. School Report

Lynn Eccleston presented the KU Academy public charter school improvement plan. She shared the success of creating a strong foundation of Kindergarten in year two of running full day Kindergarten at KUA.

The board discussed comparatives between Success For All and the state's Smarter Balanced Assessments. Lynn shared that the drop off in Success For All data is occurring prior to the Smarter Balanced assessment in the 3rd quarter. Lynn shared that the issue is transference between individual level competency. Lynn suggested that the preparatory skills for assisting the transference is important.

Tom shared that the restructuring of our academic and culture delivery systems will allow for more specialization and emphasis on individual skill building.

Tom discussed the transition of our structure and the process now of reviewing district data comparative to Success For All assessments.

Lynn discussed the mental health and community partnerships for leveraging services. Tom discussed the Walker grant and Jackson County Mental Health delivery service. Lynn discussed the focus on bringing additional training to assist staff in delivering trauma informed care.

Lynn shared the conclusion of Jose's 10 week parenting program classes. Class has held 12 to 15 parents. Lynn noted that KUA is also finishing Kindergarten readiness groups in addition to Wednesday afternoon play groups.

Tom discussed in more detail the organization changes in implementing new data systems, and leadership and delivery systems. He also talked about increased efforts to support parents in working with their children at home. Lastly he reviewed timelines for construction of the new expansion, which would include space for classrooms that Kids Unlimited Academy would be able to use for middle school programs, meal programs, enrichment classes, and additional recreational spaces such as a new gymnasium and a soccer field.