

Kids Unlimited Academy, A Public Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Board Members Present: Pedro Cabrera, Tom Cole, Linda Evans, Carol Fischer, Martha Ibarra & Jeri Olson

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

Staff Present: Lynn Eccleston, Martin Mares & Jared Ware

Staff Absent:

Next meeting: October 21, 2016 at 7:30 AM

I. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes

Pedro Cabrera called the meeting to order and asked the board to review the minutes.

Upon review Carol Fischer moved to approve them, Linda Evans seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. Scheduling of Upcoming Meetings

Pedro Cabrera asked the board to discuss the availability of board members for upcoming meetings and agreed upon the third Friday of the month for the next two months, so October 21st, 2016 and November 18th, 2016 at 7:30 AM.

III. Budget & Financial Report

Pedro Cabrera asked Jared Ware to present the financial reports for Kids Unlimited Academy. Jared presented the financials through August, and reviewed the balance sheet. He noted that Kids Unlimited Academy was making progress on paying off the debt owed to Kids Unlimited of Oregon and he also noted that Kids Unlimited Academy had a positive net income of roughly \$2,400 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The board discussed increasing the amount it was repaying to Kids Unlimited of Oregon to reduce the debt. The board agreed to repay \$14,000 a month, in addition to paying current expenses going forward.

Jared presented the profit and loss for Kids Unlimited Academy and the board members asked questions about a few areas of the financial report. Jared noted that because it was just the first two months of expenses that there were not a lot of trends that could be identified. He noted that the financials following the first quarter would give a better indication of how the organization was doing against its budget.

Jared and Tom reviewed with the board recent conversations with Steve Richardson from Rick Brewster's office, regarding areas where the organizations might be perceived as one organization and how this could have an implication for PERS if the two organizations were deemed to be one. Jared shared with the board his recommendation that Kids Unlimited Academy Request For Proposals (RFP) the services provided by Kids Unlimited of Oregon during this fiscal year and seek an opinion letter from an attorney on the exposure to PERS to clarify the issue once and for all for the auditors.

Tom talked about Kids Unlimited Academy retaining either a consulting group or an attorney that could support the board in drafting the RFP. Jared gave the example that Kids Unlimited had gone through that process in applying for the RFP to run the after school programs at Howard, Roosevelt and Washington this past year.

IV. 2nd Reading of the Amendment to the Bylaws

Pedro Cabrera and Linda Evans shared their meeting with Pat Huycke about the proposed changes to the bylaws. Jared shared this was another step in delineating the segregation between the two organizations. Board members discussed whether there was a requirement that they leave the board with this change.

and what the timelines might be. There was discussion about how board members would choose which board to be on and how the two organizations might continue to work together without having formal board liaisons on each other's boards. Tom shared that he thought it could work without having a couple shared board members, noting that the two organizations could still discuss important issues with one another, but that at a board level we don't want to have any overlap in membership.

Carol Fischer moved to approve the amendment to the bylaws, Linda Evans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. School Report

Martin Mares shared with the school board his recent field trip with the students and the fun that they had bonding as a class and with the staff in the woods. He talked about planting trees with students and parents who came out to join them to bring snacks and have fun.

Lynn shared about the "Digging Deeper" grant that was underway in collaboration with Dunbar Farms this fall, which was a deep look at hands-on science at the farm and has been a great opportunity for 5th graders.

Lynn noted that the students were taking their i-READY tests and added for the board that by the next board meeting that the board should have the first quarter results for first through sixth grade.

Lynn shared that 50% of the incoming kindergarteners are ELL students. She also noted that interventions and tutoring were underway now.

Lynn discussed the need to make decisions as a board around what Kids Unlimited Academy wants to teach in terms of a sex education curriculum. The board discussed this issue for some time and determined that Lynn should reach out to some other schools and see what they use, other board members also offered to reach out to people at the district to see what they use.

Jeri Olson shared her own experience teaching sex education at Sacred Heart years ago.

Lynn stated that she would share information with the board regarding the different evaluation frameworks and data points that we could use to develop growth goals for teachers for evaluating performance. Pedro asked Lynn to select what she thought might be the most appropriate as a recommendation for adoption. Lynn shared she was gathering feedbacks from other districts around what does work and does not.

Martin shared to the board about the high school volunteer programs he was working to get off the ground at Kids Unlimited Academy to come in and support at the school. Martin talked about a grant that was written to develop pathways for future leaders for Latino students. Martin talked about parent nights and school assemblies and how they were going.

Lynn shared that the school is now officially a school-wide Title I school.

Martin shared more about upcoming parent meetings and school meetings that are coming up.