

New Horizons Board Meeting

August 23, 2016

Present – Stuart Cano, Board Chair, Dr. Mario Castaneda, Dr. Christina Duran, Mr. Stephen Rinka, Richard Thomas (Executive Director), Spencer Styles, Kimberly Balcomb, Guillermo Gomez, Bea Italia and one parent

Meeting Commenced at: 4:00 PM

Approval of the Previous Board Meeting Minutes

- *Motion made to approve by Dr. Castaneda*
- *Second made by Mr. Rinka*
- *Motion carries*

Public Comment- None

Financial Statement (Spencer Styles) – *New Horizons completed the year with a surplus of \$17,000. There were several cost that were reviewed for this statement, but the state increase in pupil funding provided the school with a healthy financial balance. There still \$312,000 in funds that are still to be collected from various state and federal funds. In addition, the year ended with 25% in assets from funding assets, LAUSD encourages a 3% balance, New Horizons balances far exceed that mark. We have also been able to add \$50,000 in increased revenue, an increase that is awarded by the state by calculating the school attendance from the previous year. A good deal of this special funding is tied into professional development for teachers, funding that is meant to support and extend knowledge of the Common Core Standards. The only changes to the budget would come from additional staffing.*

Mr. Thomas – We still have \$70,000 coming added to this budget from property taxes, and \$30,000 from additional funds from litigation, for a total of \$100,000 added to the total budget.

Executive Report – *Mr. Thomas shared the school's leadership organization for teachers at both sites. Our school growth has expanded to a staff 34 educators and office staff. Our school roster has expanded from 239 students to 298 students by virtue of heavy recruiting over the summer. Our focus is promoting future-ready students that can compete on a global level of academic achievement.*

Our blended learning model supports students learning in different modalities, using tools that will support a growth mind-set for the 21st century. Our infrastructure supports professional learning communities that utilize both educators and families to build on our promising practices from the previous year.

Fair Avenue Update – *Our move has been an adventure, with a variety of systems being activated within days of instruction, as we were only allowed to be on campus 10 days before the first day of school. We have also added new curriculum in grades 6-8, which in addition to our BLAST lessons, have given our teachers a sizable advantage for our students in their development of mastery across many content areas.*

We have tried to streamline our service to schools by the improvement in logistics at both schools. When you couple this with our 100% return of teachers, this is an exciting time to be working at New Horizons.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.