

## **New Horizons Board Meeting**

*Jan. 25, 2018*

*Present – Richard Thomas, Stuart Cano, Stephan Rinka, Dawn Bastin, Jannet Curiel, Dr. Duran, Sandy Mejia, David Sams, Ramisi Dilley, Guillermo Gomez.*

*Others Present: Guillermo Gomez, Sandy Mejia, Ramisi Dilley, Dawn Bastin and Jannet Curiel*

*Meeting Commenced at: 04:00 PM in CLOSED SESSION*

*OPEN SESSION:*

Meeting Called to order at 4:45pm

Public Comment: None

### ***Approval of the Previous Board Meeting Minutes (November)***

- Motion made to approve – Stephan Rinka
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries – 4-0 vote

***Facility Lease Settlement with Dharma Holdings, LLC (Lessor of School Facilities at 5955 Lankershim Blvd)*** – Board Discussed and Reviewed Cost associated with operational costs not previously billed by Lessor, but determined to be reasonable per review by school legal council and Board Review.

### ***Approval of the Settlement offer to Dharma Holdings, LLC for \$34,198.12***

- Motion made to approve – Stephan Rinka
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries – 4-0 vote

### ***Executive Report***

***Prop 39*** – We are still pushing back with our attorneys, placing a preliminary offer, possibly with an alternative agreement, to support our future fifth grade. This will have us give back three classrooms as opposed to four.

***DIBELS Mid-Year*** – Grades K-5, Students were tested with NHCA DIBELS assessment tool and determined that 65% of NHCA students were meeting the target cut scores for Decoding and Retell.

***Charter School Oversight Visit*** – We have date of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for LAUSD Oversight Visit and are preparing for this event as we speak. Attendance by Board Members was requested.

***After-School Program (K-8)*** – We have 87 students at both sites, and it is fully staffed, moving in full swing. We have a commitment for three years to YPI, so we are fully dedicated to maintain this program. We have quite a few aides working from our staff, so they know the kids well. Students are receiving tutoring, arts/crafts and sport activities.

**November / December Financials** (Dawn) – We are forecasting a deficit of only \$6,000 by year end, this is because we do not receive money evenly throughout the year, towards the end we should break even.

Dr. Castaneda – Where would we receive the additional \$6,000 from?

Dawn – The money would come from your cash reserves. Our attendance is at 95.6%, which is extremely high. The year to date overall will be up by \$11,000. Additional funding will be coming from the state via ASIS. Our expenses are higher than originally stated, but the cost is not significant, part of this came from your commitment to your STEM program. The ASIS program will off-set that. The ending fund balance will still leave us with a positive number of \$700,000 cash reserve.

Mr. Thomas – Our e-credit will provide us with a healthy drop in operating costs by the end of the year, because we are over-paying right now.

Dawn – The Governor’s Budget was originally set to increase 20%, but even with an optimistic view, the economy may change, and we may go back to deferring funds to pay bills. To be completely safe, you need to bring in additional students, as they count \$10,000 for each additional student.

***Approval of the November and December Financials***

- Motion made to approve – Stephan Rinka
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries 4-0 Vote

***Suicide Prevention Policy Revision and Adoption of LAUSD Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention Policy for co-location site*** - Our original proposal was approved, but we were required to identify three additional at-risk groups. We are also required to adopt the LAUSD Suicide Prevention Policy for Prop 39 Location sites. This is referenced by LAUSD as well. We will need to vote for our amended version for TK-6.

***Amended Version for TK-6 Suicide Prevention Policy***

- Motion made to approve – Stephan Rinka
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries 4-0

***Suicide Prevention Policy from LAUSD – Grades 5-8*** (same requirements necessitate your vote)

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Stephan Rinka
- Motion Carries – 4-0 vote

***Request for Allowance Attendance*** – This vote allows us to recoup the two days we lost due to the fires that occurred that earlier this year which cause NHCA to close per the directive sent by LAUSD Charter Schools Division. Form 13A allows us to do that.

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Stephan Rinka
- Motion Carries – 4-0 vote

**Uniform Complaint Procedure revision** – One page one, several categories had to be added to get it updated to the standard we would expect to see as a standard for all schools. We also added a few discreet changes to meet the revision changes and policy date of January 25<sup>th</sup> of 2018. We are amending our policy

- Motion made to approve – Dr. Castaneda
- Second – Stephan Rinka
- Motion Carries – 4-0

**Fundraising** – Our room parents involved in the Silent Auction were able to raise over \$2,000 for classrooms to support field-trips and classrooms. Our President, Mrs. Curiel was able to work with Mrs. Link to help spearhead this effort.

**The Board** – We acknowledge this dedicated effort and appreciate all the parents who participated in this event.

*Meeting adjourned at 6PM*