

New Horizons Board Meeting

July 31, 2017

*Present – (Board Members) Stuart Cano, Stephan Rinka,
Dr. Mario Castaneda, David Sams, Dr. Christina Duran, Richard Thomas (Executive Director)*

Staff: Mary Sue Penaloza, Chris Lanehart, Ramisi Dilley, Guillermo Gomez, Sandy Mejia and Dawn Bastin

Meeting Commenced at: 10:00 am

Approval of the June 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second – Mario Castaneda
- Motion Carries

Public Comment – None

Executive Report

Oversite Visit – We received a (4) in *Governance*, a (4) for *Fiscal Operations*, and NHCA worked hard and appreciated that LAUSD Oversight recognized our Proficiency in both Academic Performance and Operations Management during our review.

Prop 39 Update – We are opening in ten days, on the 14th, we are still in negotiation with the District on our proposal. We are looking to finalize that agreement prior to opening the school. We will meet our deadline for access, we are merely waiting for some phone lines placed before we take access of the room.

June Financials – There is not much change, we are at 291 in enrollment, are \$10,000 above what we projected. We spent \$142,000 more than we projected, but this is in line with the academic goals set by the school. There are no bills that would remove you from the projected goals for this period. You currently have a 37% reserve, which is a phenomenal place to be in for a school.

Material Revision – Our projection is to add a classroom in each year. We will add a 4th grade class this year, a 5th grade classroom next year, and potentially each additional year depending enrollment. When we look at our expenses and revenues, we easily meet our reserve.

Approval of the June 2017 Financials

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second – Mario Castaneda
- Motion Carries 4-0 vote

Preliminary SBAC results – In ELA, our 3-6 grades went down in proficiency, but we demonstrated growth in our 7-8th grade classrooms. In comparison to the other schools in our region, we still rank

higher than any of the elementary schools we are competing against. In addition, most of the schools are established, they have been in existence for a very long time, and we still out performed them.

We demonstrated improvements in mathematics as well, we are competitive with all but two schools in our area. When you combine this with our sub-groups, our students out-performs students from other schools by a wide margin.

Dr. Castaneda – I would like to recognize the growth the school has made, and share that the school climate in combination with the academic data, reflect on how well the staff has worked with student's in all designations.

Board Resolution – Authorizing a request for a Material Revision to update our attendance capacity to 512 students in the future.

Dr. Castaneda – Will the increase in reserves draw any concerns from any agencies?

Dawn Bastin – The actual money you have in reserves has been accumulated over several years, it was not accumulated in one year. This reserve will also allow you to purchase a building in the future. If you are a growing school, this is a position you want to be in.

Dr. Duran – I would earmark everything you have said, that is connected to your strategic plan. You have shared that the District knows, assume the District knows nothing and connect what you anticipate spending in the future for our Strategic Plan.

Mr. Thomas – We actually currently do that, that information is located in our LCAP.

Dr. Duran – They aren't going to look in the LCAP. We need to draft a strategic plan that demonstrates where these funds are going possibly adding a future column to you LCAP to demonstrate the future physical budget with other items, over five years.

Board Resolution (enrollment increase, with a Strategic fiscal plan)

- Motion made to approve – Stuart Cano
- Second Motion – Mario Castaneda
- Motion Carries – 4-0

Executive Director Mr. Thomas explained to the Board that we have been notified by 4 teachers that they would not be returning due to commuting and family issues. Mr. Thomas presented the Board, Form CL-500, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. This will allow NHCA to move forward with candidates from out of state that might have credential issues with CTC.

Board Agreed that this could be an issue and would want to have qualified teachers serving our students versus substitutes from Teachers on Reserve.

Board Vote on Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified

- Motion made to approve – Stephen Rinka
- Second Motion– Mario Castaneda
- Motion Carries – Vote 4-0

Closed Session – None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 AM