

**Public Academy for Performing Arts
Governing Council Minutes
Minutes of April 18, 2011**

Voting Members Present: Randy Costales, Amy Anderson, Renee Nieto and Randall VanVleck

Quorum Achieved: Yes. There are 4 voting members present.

Non-Voting Members Present: Dan Humphreys, Christopher Koller and Ed Torrez

Members Absent: Steven Quezada, Daniel Solis, and Jennifer Montoya

Guests: Valerie Scott, Doreen Winn, Blaise Koller and Rhonda Cordova

Agenda Item 1 – Convene Meeting Roll Call for Quorum

Four voting members present. Quorum achieved.

Meeting convened at 5:30 pm

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda: Amy Anderson

Seconded: Randall VanVleck

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2011 GC Meeting

Motion to Approve GC Minutes: Randall VanVleck

Seconded: Amy Anderson

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 4 – Budget and Finance Report – BARS

Budget and Finance Report tabled until next board meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Audit Committee and Finance Committee Appointment

Audit Committee and Finance Committee Appointment tabled until next board meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Student Waiver Request

A Senior failed the Language Arts portion of the senior competency test by 1 point. (Student scored 174 – Passing score is 175) A passing grade is required in order to get a standard diploma. PAPA would like to request a waiver to allow this student to receive a standard diploma.

Motion to send waiver to state to allow student to graduate with regular diploma: Amy Anderson
Seconded: Randall VanVleck
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 7 – Employees Out of State Travel Request

PAPA would like to send Debbie Candelaria, Registrar, to the Chicago Powerschool training. She has a family member who works for an airline so she will fly free. We are requesting that the board approve her registration fee and meals.

Registration Fee \$2000
Meals \$165

Motion to release \$2,165 for purpose of training: Randall VanVleck
Seconded: Amy Anderson
Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 8 – Principal Report

Doreen met with Anna Leigh Maestas with APS. She said that we are not on the APS immediate needs list. PAPA is on the master plan
Daphne Benavides met with Senator Boitano’s assistant and discussed a State Fair Grounds proposal.
Doreen would like to put together a Facility Action Committee. She will work with the PTSO to find members. We need a real “go getter” to chair the facility action committee. If APS receives letters from the community, PAPA may get more response than if it is coming from the school.

PAPA Handbook Amendments were presented for GC approval.

Absences/School Activities and Field Trips:

The *Absence Section* required clarification and consistency in the PAPA Handbook

Any activity that is school related requires no special approval.
Any activity this is an out of school activity requires one week prior approval
Any absence associated with an individualized art will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Students are not allowed to participate in field trips if they have too many absences or if their grades are poor.

Randall VanVleck – there should be a standard grade point schedule in place that is followed to maintain consistency.

Dress Code:

Strapless shirts and tube tops are not allowed at school

Motion to approve the PAPA Handbook with the amendment made by

Randall VanVleck: Amy Anderson

Seconded: Randall VanVleck

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 9 – PAPAP Policy – Section H Review

PAPA Policy – Section H was presented to the board for review.

Randall VanVleck suggestions:

Section H1.4 Student Discipline Policy

The search and seizure section should follow state and federal law.

“Student and school property shall be subject to search by certified school personnel” – “Certified school personnel” is too broad.

Suggestions: an employee with administrative authority or an employee vested with administrator duties or certified administrator.

“-when there is reasonable cause or suspicion that a breach of rules or a crime is occurring or has occurred or the search is necessary to maintain school discipline.” This sentence is too loose.

Suggestions: Safety and security should be added. Look at APS policy.

School property, as well as student vehicles on campus may be searched with or without students present. This sentence makes me nervous.

Physical searches must be by persons of the same sex...It is imperative to have the same sex search.

Section H.3 Student Technology Acceptable Use

Add: The last sentence of this section should be “*the computer resources are PAPA property.*”

Randall VanVleck will work on recommendations for rewording this section of policy and will present at the next GC meeting.

Doreen would like the board to review Section H. It will be put on the PAPA website for public comment for 10 days. She would like to discuss all suggestions at the next board meeting and generate another draft to be voted on at the June GC meeting.

Agenda Item 10 - Principal Title Change to “Executive Director”

Rhonda Cordova recommended the Principal’s title change from Principal to Executive Director for the following reasons:

- Executive Director gives more distinction to the office of the principal of a charter school.
- The state department will not send correspondence to a Principal but will send it to an Executive Director.
- Executive Director is a more appropriate title for audit purposes because of the salary and duties of a charter school principal.

Motion to change the Principal’s title to Executive Director in keeping with the actual nature of the position: Amy Anderson

Seconded: Randall VanVleck

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 11 – Facility Update

Doreen Winn: We need our voices heard by APS and the community. We need someone to work with us on a Facilities Action Committee from the community who has connections with the “right people” who can follow up with the community and really work on getting PAPA noticed. The PTSO came up with great ideas at the last meeting. Our staff has tried to work with APS but gets ignored. The Facility Action Committee’s job will be to keep PAPA in the lime light, get us in the media. PAPA is going to be featured in Albuquerque The Magazine. We should have a PAPA 10 Year Celebration with media coverage – invite important people – invite Marty Escabel and APS board members – get us up front in a positive light. We have a list of former PAPA students that will receive a survey about what PAPA did for them - where are they now and how did the PAPA experience get them to where they are today. We will compile the data and include it in the media attention.

Anna Leigh Maestas with APS gave us great insight into APS.

Randy Costales – The committee is a great idea. Should we advertise? The 10 year celebration is a great idea.

Dan Humphreys – He is skeptical about advertising. Historically, people who volunteered to help PAPA stood to gain and benefit. They would hijack these types of committees just to rub elbows with county commissioners and important people. Be very careful.

Doreen Winn – We need a polite bulldog.

Randall VanVleck – It should be a political person.

Randy Costales – Please forward all ideas to Doreen.

Agenda Item 12 – GC Board Member Agreement

A GC Board Member Agreement was presented to the board for their review and signature.

Randall VanVleck would like to modify the language to be more appropriate for a charter school governing council.

Motion to postpone signing the GC Board Member Agreement for a more appropriate form for presentation at the next board meeting: Randall VanVleck

Seconded: Amy Anderson

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 13 - Open Meetings Act Resolution

Randall VanVleck teaches the opens meeting act. The document that was presented is a bit sparse. Randall will e-mail a more comprehensive document and bring it back to the table at the next GC meeting.

Motion to table the Open Meetings Act Resolution in order for Randall to wordsmith the document: Amy Anderson

Seconded: Randy Costales

Unanimously passed

Agenda Item 14 - Closed Session under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) – Personnel Issues

Motion to go into closed session: Randall VanVleck

Seconded: Amy Anderson

Roll Call

No notes, votes or actions were taken during closed session, and only the items stated on the agenda were discussed.

Agenda Item 15 - Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Amy Anderson

Seconded: Randall VanVleck

Unanimously passed

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jackie Danfelser.