

**PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

December 11, 2008 – Call to Order: 6:30 PM

**Corte Madera Town Center Community Room Suite 201
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Corta Madera, Ca. 94925**

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1.0 Call to Order 6:37

2.0 Roll Call all present except Alex Banuelos

3.0 Approval of the Agenda no objection: agenda approved

4.0 Comments from the Audience Thanks to Marin team for food. Introduced Denny Rosatti, new president of Harmony School District.

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5.0 Closed Executive Session 6:40

5.1 Personnel...

6.0. Reconvene Open Session 7:06

Report from Closed Session: Board authorized a specific potential employee dismissal. JL/AG Vote 4-0.

7.0 Comments from the Audience

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Denni Rosetti: introduced himself.

Michelle: Feedback from families: Marin doesn't have a center, have to pay whatever the vendor charges, whereas center costs are more spread out. Some parents are concerned that Marin classes cost significantly more than classes in other areas. Sarah: Biggest concern over last 6 years in Marin is lack of subsidized facility,

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8.0 Reports and Correspondence

8.1 Director's Report: Robert reviewed report and Newsletter. Has to predict that budget will be solved by Jan 15. We are holding as much in reserve as possible until that date. Promise is that the budget will be solved, entertaining tapping student budgets. AG recommended this be voluntary. JL asked about growth of enrollment. Robert believes growth is primarily in from high school, Sara concurred. BF asked if that fluctuated at this time of year, Sara confirmed that yes, High Schoolers not doing well in other programs tend to come to Pathways at this time of year, but we also lose some at this time of year that haven't done well in our program. Higher mid-year graduations than other programs, etc. AG asked about online program, Robert reported about "Tapped-In". Requirement in UC guidelines that college prep students need weekly contact with subject experts. This online program solves that for them. EP asked if this would be required of the student, Robert says no.

8.2 Administrative Team Reports: Area reports offered. Special Services report offered. Robert commended Elizabeth for bring Special Ed into very tight compliance. This is a new position and we "couldn't be luckier". Elizabeth commended Pam for providing the footsteps. Curriculum Coordinator report offered. 22% of high school students are doing at least 1 college prep class.

8.3 Budget Manager's Report: Sharon reports on budget, increased revenue conservatively.

8.4 Board Member Reports: AG: thanks to everyone that showed up for the Library clean-up Day. Subcommittee did not meet due to holiday schedules to review questionnaires. We will report next month.

9.0 Discussion/Action items

Some items may require Action from the Board and are noted as such.

9.1 Approval of November 6 and November 25 minutes (Action): AG requests Board member questionnaire November 6 = JL/AG Vote 4:0. November 25 = JL/EP Vote 4:0

9.2 First Interim Report 2008-2009 (Action): BF/AG Vote 4:0

9.3 403(B) and 457(B) Plan Approval (Action): Last month we approved ING to provide a plan. We are presented with "The" plan prepared by ING, reviewed by Rena. Meets Federal requirements and is identical to many other plans including Harmony's. EP/JL 3:0, 1 recusal

9.4 Review of recommendations of WASC visiting committee regarding Board role/input (Discussion)

9.4.1 Recommendation of quantitative analysis system to compliment qualitative assessment: Conversation regarding AIMSWEPE, Robert requested Data Trends to analyze whether AIMSWEPE was providing useful information, and quantitative data for use by the Board. Discussion regarding options for collecting other (high school) data.

9.4.2 Recommendation to support a rigorous learning curriculum: Robert discusses that a definition is needed for "challenging learning experience". Resolution requested to identify Blooms Taxonomy Of Higher Thinking Skills as rigor and to include certain language per WASC request. Board agreed to table decision while we review the language of the resolution as well as Taxonomy. Subcommittee appointed to include School Director, JL, EP and Curriculum Coordinator.

9.5 Audit Exception Appeal Settlement: Discussed by BF, report to audience. This will be final Dec. 15.

9.6 Delay of Student Account disbursements due to State budget crisis: Comment on delay by Robert.

10.0 Consent items

Consent items are routine, non-controversial agenda items that will be approved or rejected as whole, without extensive discussion or debate. AG/JL Vote 4:0

10.1 BUDGET TRANSFERS:

10.2 NEW VENDOR COURSE INSTRUCTORS (VCIs):

11.0 Adjournment 8:31