

Museum School Governance Council Minutes
January 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

Governance called to order:

1. Role Call: Gingerlily Lowe, Kerry Kawamura, Nick Watson, Mike Metcalf
Also in attendance: Phil Beaumont, Eileen Logue, Lizbeth Price (FOMS), Samantha Jenkins (SSC)
2. Consideration for the approval of Minutes (Action Item)|
Motion: Mike Metcalf motioned for approval
2nd: Nick Watson
Motion carries
3. Consideration for the approval of New Board Members
 - a. Perry Vasquez
 - b. Sharon Payne
 - c. Rich Cansdale

Discussion: Phil and Nick met with prospective members and shared their reflections of the interviews, answered questions from the board.

Motion: Mike Metcalf motioned to accept the slate of candidates
2nd: Nick Watson seconds
Motion carried

4. Consideration for the Engagement of Wilkinson Hadley & King as auditing firm for 2009 fiscal year

Motion: Mike motioned to continue with Wilkinson Hadley & King
Motion: Mike Metcalf; 2nd – Nick Watson
Motion carries
5. Seating of the new board members
Sharon, Perry, and Rich introduced themselves.

6. Consideration for Application for Consolidated Application for Federal Funds

Eileen explained the process for the Consolidated Application for title monies (title 1 and title 2) and presented the report.

Motion: Mike moves to approve the Consolidated Application
2nd: Nick Watson
Motion carries.

School Site Council meeting is called to order to run in conjunction with Governance Council meeting.

In attendance add: Sharon Payne, Perry Vasquez, Rich Cansdale, Kay Ledger

7. Director's Report-Phil

a. Budget Review

-Enrollment stands at 159 students

-Class Size Reduction Issue – Requested a meeting with Tony Burks for next week

-Eileen reported on the budget (see attached budget). Explained the cash flow situation, district buybacks, special ed encroachment, fundraising expectations, budget deficits, etc. If we make this year's fundraising goals, with last year's fund balance we should meet our funding requirements by the district.

-Voice of San Diego put out an article today which highlighted the Museum School and our efforts in keeping the school operational including the sacrifice the teachers took this year to help meet our budget.

b. Construction/Parking Update

-Demolition began January 13, 2010 and is scheduled to last 2 months

-Most disruptive element will be the drilling of pylon holes – scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 3rd. (13 days total) 135 feet of school – 23 pylons = 3 days next to the school.

-Ohr Shalom – Construction due to begin in early February. At various points of the project there will be scaffolding around the building, limiting the access to the playground. I have expressed the serious necessity of this being very limited in terms of time to the Ohr Congregation. Alternative recess areas will need to be in place for the duration of this period, when it occurs. Possibilities include St. Paul's Park & Balboa Park.

-Parking – Transition has been very smooth with the parking changes to the street in front of the school (passenger loading zones). Parents are enjoying the availability in front of the school. Most difficult for the teachers in finding all day parking.

c. New Potential Partnerships

Old Globe Theater

i. Met with Roberta Wells-Famula, Director of Education

ii. Opportunities include:

1. In-school artist in residency program
2. Globe Readers Project (Readers Theater)
3. Professional Development
4. Curriculum Development for Department

San Diego Natural History Museum-Crystal

Nearby Nature Project

Sharon shared a program "Three Cups of Tea" -Greg Mortensen

Looking for families with a parent deployed in Afghanistan.

d. Race to the Top – Review of materials – Federal Program

-Applied to be a part of the program as a place holder, though I feel our board and community of teachers should further explore all the expectations and benefits. The application was signed by the school's Director, but not the Governance Council, nor the LEA Union Rep. We will not consider the application fully ratified until further information comes from the State and our

Governance Council formerly approves it

-We may opt out if we feel it does not support the school's mission.

-Materials available for review – See Attachment – All Board members have been supplied with RTT materials. Teachers have also been provided materials.

e. Friends of the Museum School

-Grant Team has done some preliminary work in seeking Foundations who support programs similar to the Museum School. Should hear from Lion's club in the next few weeks.

-Spanish Night at the Prado – Needs support

-Balifest Festival(s) – Lyceum April 23, May 21

-Art Auction – May/June

-Whole Foods

8. Museum Middle School

a. Feasibility Study Team

i. Curriculum

ii. Budget

iii. Facilities

iv. Grants

v. Charter

b. Timelines

Phil and Nick shared some of the considerations for a Museum Middle School.

Discussion: implementation grants, facilities, concerns about the impact to the current program in monies and other resources. The district suggests 250 people as a rule of thumb to make a school financially viable in economy of scales.

Rich Cansdale will take up heading a committee for this task.

9. Other Business

Adjourn School Site Council and Museum Governance.