

Governance Council Minutes – March 12, 2010

1. Role Call: Gingerlily Lowe, Kerry Kawamura, Nick Watson, Mike Metcalf, Rich Cansdale, Sharon Payne, Perry Vasquez, Mike Metcalf  
Also in attendance: Phil Beaumont, Lizbeth Price (FOMS), Jacquie Kennedy (FOMS), Eileen Logue
2. Approval of Minutes (Attachment 1)  
Motion to approve: Kerry Kawamura  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Watson  
motion passes
3. Director's Report – Phil Beaumont (Attachment 2)
  - a. Enrollment Lottery  
We have received record amount of applications, so this year's protocol was changed to school tours being available. After the lottery, newcomers will then attend the orientation.
  - b. Budget Update (**See attachment – Interim Report**)  
**FOMS -Current Balance: \$59,000 as of 3-11-10**  
\$30,000 was requested by the Museum School for the school's general fund, bringing total down to **\$19,000** on 3-12-10  
  
Gamelan Festival-Friday, May 21 at the Women's Club
  - c. Spanish Night Fundraiser  
Total Raised: \$31,000  
Fund an Item: \$8,000
  - d. Art Auction  
Jett Gallery – Mid-June  
Classroom Projects to be created with parent support  
Local Artists will be solicited
  - e. Old Globe Partnership  
Old Globe Reader Program – already underway for Grades 1,2,3  
Professional Development – to be scheduled for May  
Artist in Residence Program
  - f. **CSR FUNDING - AB 548**  
Through conversations with Moises Aguirre at the District, we have been following the progress of Assembly Bill 548 written by Assemblyman Cheesbro. Initially, it was written in such a way that the state would have to pay for actual costs for mandated programs. Which could have served our issue well. Unfortunately, the bill was completely re-written on March 1, 2010, and does not allow for actual costs. Instead it refers directly to the 2008/2009 Operations Application and does not allow for any extra funding beyond what was applied for. *However*, there has been a section included that reads

*“(c) For the 2008-09 school year, a local education agency may choose for state apportionment*

*purposes pursuant to this chapter either the option set forth in subdivision (b) or the option set forth in this chapter as it read on December 31, 2008.”*

We have been told that, in effect, this would give us the option to choose to follow the rules as they stood before the change last January. Which, in turn, would allow for us to receive monies based on the actual numbers of our students, and not on the 08-09 Operations Application. The Bill remains up for discussion still and needs to be ratified if passed. We will have to wait and hope for the best.

**g. Race to the Top**

California was not successful in its bid to win a portion of the Race to the Top Grant. The Museum School had signed an MOU with the state to participate as a placeholder. As the state will not be participating, the matter is effectively shelved for the time being

- i. It was noted that upon review of the Race to the Top materials that teachers in the upper grades were not in support of the program.

**h. Construction Update** We received notification from SRM Construction that a patch of soil that has been classified as “California Hazardous Soils” had been unearthed at the south end of the construction site. I consulted with them to find out that the problem consists of bricks from a former structure that had been uncovered. The bricks have lead paint on them and traces of lead in the bricks themselves. They are working with an environmental consultant under state guidelines to deal with them in a safe manner and haul them to a legal disposal site. They anticipate that the soils will be removed by end of day, Monday, March 15. I will consult and verify the safe removal over the coming week.

**4. Interim Budget – Eileen Logue (Attachment 3)**

This year we are looking at a projected budget deficit of about 37K. Current enrollment is 159. Next year, if we can bring enrollment up to 170 will help lower deficit. Next year, Special Ed encroachment will be \$775.00/student. State Budget also just came in less -\$300.00/student.

**5. Museum Middle School: ‘Team Middle’ Update – Rich Cansdale/Phil Beaumont**

Rich is pulling a team to work on developing a middle school charter, which compliments the pedagogy of our Museum School. Not a k-8 school, but a "next step" program- still protecting the integrity of what is at the Museum School now. Would apply for planning grant from Walton foundation funds up to 30K. 200K implementation grant, start up grant –funds up to 450K.

Recruit a team to meet during the week before Spring Break. A preliminary goal for opening would be September of 2011, should all planning go well.

**6. Timeline & Procedure for Future Council Member Recruitment – Phil Beaumont**

The following draft of a timeline and procedure for future Council Member recruitment was discussed. The document was generally favored. The Council asked that the language be cleaned up with no material changes, to be voted for approval at the next Governance Council meeting, April 30, 2010.

**Timeline & Procedure for Recruitment, Nomination & Election of Governance Council Members & Officers**

**Timeline.** The process for the recruitment, nomination and election of the Governance Council and the officers is continual and year-round, but should actively begin the first week of September of  
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each year. The President should generally follow the following timeline in fulfilling the Council's obligation to recruit, nominate and elect the members of the Governance Council and the officers.

### **SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- (1) Determine whether Council members with expiring terms are eligible and should be recommended for an additional term.
- (2) Determine the number of open Council seats available.
- (3) Establish a flexible deadline to submit nominations, which will generally be the last day of October.
- (4) Announce this deadline publicly via posted Council minutes and other communication tools as deemed appropriate by the Council. Include a method of communication between Governance Council and school community.
- (5) Ask current Council members to identify, recruit and nominate potential new Council members.
- (6) Ask current Council members to nominate themselves or other Trustees for the officer position(s) (either President-Elect or Secretary and Treasurer) subject to election that year.
- (7) Search for, identify, recruit, and interview potential new Trustees.
- (8) Identify, recruit, and interview potential new officers.
- (9) At the November meeting of the Governance Council submit to the Council the slate of nominees for new Trustees and the nominees for new officers and the qualifications of such nominees. Post this information publicly via Council minutes.
- (10) Provide the Council until and including the December meeting of the Governance Council to voice their comments and opinions concerning the proposed nominees for new Council members and new officers.

### **DECEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING THROUGH END OF DECEMBER**

- (1) Evaluate comments and opinions from Council members concerning the proposed nominees for new Council members and new officers.
- (2) Make any changes to the slate of nominees for new Council members and the nominees for new officers deemed appropriate as the result of comments and opinions from the Governance Council.

### **JANUARY**

- (1) Deliver a sample ballot for the election of the new Council members and the new officers to the Council approximately two weeks before the January meeting of the Governance Council. Explain any changes or differences between the slate of nominees in the sample ballot and the slate of nominees that was submitted to the Council at the December Board meeting.
- (2) At the January meeting of the Governance Council conduct the election of the new Council members and the new officers by written ballot provided to the Trustees.
- (3) Announce the results of the election publicly via Council minutes and other communication tools.
- (4) New Council members and new officers take office on February 1.
- (5) Invite newly elected Council members to attend their first official meeting in February. Plan for any orientation necessary and inform them of any committee choices they may have.

7. Request for leave of absence July 6 – July 12 - Phil Beaumont  
Phil's band will be touring with Pinback on a west coast tour. Days not in attendance will be made up for during Spring Break session and summer session if necessary.

8. Adjourn