

# GOALS ACADEMY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting

Monday, August 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

412 W. Carl Karcher Way

Anaheim, CA 92801

## Minutes

### I. Call to Order – 6:07 p.m.

#### A. Introduction and Roll Call

- Board Members: Mike Anderson, Alexy Escobedo, and Fared Farukhi
- Staff Members: Debbie Schroeder (Director), Will Chesher (Assistant Director), Chammarra Nguyen (Coordinator of Special Education), Carolyn Parsons (Leadership Assistant), Michele Rowel (Teacher), Bill Schroeder (Music Specialist/Volunteer), Jen Rodriguez (GFGA), Les Gonzalez (GFGA), and Amita Parikh (Senior Client Manager)
- Parents: Yvette LaValle (School Site Council Chairperson), Jennifer Rodriguez (F.A.S.T. President), Kerilynn Cooke, Kelli Hoover, Tina Husted, Bridget Johnson, Greg LaValle, Jennifer Magana, and Mayra Velazquez

B. Adoption of Agenda Motion: Fared Farukhi, Second: Mike Anderson, Vote:3/3

C. Correct/Approve Minutes of 6/11/18 Regular Meeting -- Minutes stood approved.

### II. Public Speakers on Agenda Item

The Governance Committee of the GOALS Academy wishes to hear input from the community regarding the items on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Speaker Forms are available at the Meeting and must be completed and submitted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker is limited to three minutes to permit multiple speakers the opportunity to address the Governance Committee. The total time for each agenda item is 20 minutes. And, individual speakers may not cede their time to another speaker.

- Kerilynn Cooke (Parent) -- Stated that parents want active members on both boards and a separate EIN put into place for GOALS Academy. She referenced her concern about parents meeting with GOALS at the end of July.
- Jennifer Magana (Parent) -- Concerned about GOALS and coaches. Stated she has no answers to the financial questions presented by others. Parents want a separate EIN put into place. Indicated that parents want to be on both Governance Boards.
- Bridget Johnson (Parent) -- Concerned about meeting in July and left confused and frustrated. Coaches communicated they were attacked, which was not the intention. She would like GOALS and GOALS Academy to feel like family.

### III. Public Speakers on Items Not on the Agenda

The Governance Committee of the GOALS Academy welcomes public input on any item NOT on the Regular Meeting Agenda. Speaker Forms are available at the Meeting and must be completed and submitted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes to permit multiple speakers the opportunity to address the Governance Committee. As the public comment relates

to items that are not on the Regular Meeting Agenda, members of the Governance Committee may not engage in any discussion regarding the items raised under this Agenda Item, but may direct the Director to follow up with a speaker or speakers for additional information or in accordance with GOALS Academy policies or may ask that an item be placed on a future meeting agenda.

NONE

**IV. Updates from Executive Director of GOALS and/or GFGA Representative**

Jennifer Rodriguez spoke stating that GFGA has 68 scholars enrolled. The GOALS Ice Hockey Team has started with 34 members on the team. Spoke of how the scholars are learning about emotional regulation. Mentioned that Dave has scheduled a trip to visit his daughter who graduated from Harvard Law, and this is why he wasn't present.

**V. Updates from GOALS Academy Staff Members and Consultants**

**A. Carolyn Parsons, Leadership Assistant**

- Update on enrollment – Enrollment is at 241 at GOALS Academy Charter School.
- Update on certificated and classified staffing -- GOALS Academy has all positions filled with 11 certificated, 25 classifieds, and 13 specialists on 1099s.

**B. Chammarra Nguyen, Coordinator of Special Education**

- Update on Special Education Staffing -- Stated that Chammarra Nguyen (Coordinator of Special Education), Sandy Brucker (Speech Therapist), Sandra Tafolla (Education Specialist), Rachele Murphy (Occupational Therapist), and Melissa Montanez (one-on-one Instructional Assistant for SPED) are regular members of the school's staff. Additional positions will be filled by a Nonpublic Agency. Positions that will need to be filled include a School Psychologist and Nurse.
- Update on number of scholars currently served -- 15 boys and 9 girls.

**C. Will Chesher, Assistant Director**

- Update on VAPA/P.E.-New specialist, Michael Fischer, is teaching drama. New specialist, Eric Salinas, is teaching soccer in Big Labs Program.
- Update on Little Labs and Big Labs – Electives fall into the categories of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and Life Skills. Focus on outputs formalizing learning outcomes. Showcase products three times per year through various approaches.

**D. Debbie Schroeder, Founding Director**

- Governance Committee Meeting Calendar -- Approved in June 2018. Parents expressed a desire to change meeting times to 5:30 p.m. stating that more parents would be able to attend. This was taken into consideration and will occur on a trial basis for three meetings.
- Vacancies on Governance Committee – Discussion of process for filling vacant positions. Based on the directions of the Governance Committee, both Bill Taormina and Dorothy Rose will be contacted to determine if they intend to remain Governance Committee members.
- Determination of roles for current Governance Committee
  - Chairperson -- Alexy Escobedo
  - Vice Chairperson -- Fareed Farukhi
  - Secretary -- Mike Anderson
- Brown Act Training -- Brown Act training materials were provided as part of the meeting's packet and were reviewed. If a member intends to participate through teleconferencing, his/her location must be provided ahead of time.
- Conflict of Interest Training and Form 700 -- A Governance Committee member is currently also part of the GOALS Board. S/he must be able to fairly represent the interests of both entities as needed. Form 700 was passed out to be completed and returned.

- E. Amita Parikh, EdTec Consultant
- Monthly Financial Update was discussed.
  - Increased hourly rate proposed from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per hour. All classified employees will be paid retro pay from July 1, 2018.
  - Reviewed financial packet for August stating forecast comparison, budget comparison, balance sheet, forecast update, and Exhibits of GOALS Academy Income Statement.

## VI. Follow-Up by Governance Committee

- A. Status of Investment Process by Fareed Farukhi – Governance Committee had decided to invest in a CD, as well as the Farmers Merchant “sweep” account, so school funds are not dormant. The Governance Committee’s decision has not been acted upon yet since the GOALS Board President, Jerry O’Connell had input. However, there has not been direct contact between Farukhi and O’Connell yet.
- B. Summary of GOALS Board Meeting by Alexy Escobedo – The following areas were summarized.
- Dave Wilk plans to hire a CPA firm for audit at GOALS. Also discussed GOALS and GOALS Academy budgets for past 12 months.
  - Plans to hire a consultant to determine best course of action for GOALS Academy in the future
  - General feeling conveyed by Escobedo that parent involvement might not always be in the best interest of GOALS and GOALS Academy because the focus is on their children rather than the bigger picture.
  - Escobedo stated parents do have a voice to be heard and through School Site Council and attendance at Governance Committee Meetings.
  - Follow-up on next Board Meeting -- Next meeting will be scheduled in Fall of 2018, with no date determined at this time.
  - Dave Wilk has committed to attendance at meetings once per quarter.
  - Spoke of educational opportunities and the expansion plans for GOALS.
- C. Discussion of Resolution Proposed at GOALS Board Meeting -- Parents stated GOALS is not transparent and are requesting transparency. Escobedo stated that Wilk has made an effort to lay out all the GOALS financials.
- D. Discussion of Parents’ Request for EIN -- Parents want their own GOALS Academy Charter School EIN to be able to apply for grants and fundraising.
- E. Discussion of Parents’ Request for Restructuring of Governance Committee -- Parents continue to discuss that they want to be heard and have voting representation on GOALS Academy’s Governance Committee and GOALS Board.

## VII. Updates from Parent/Staff Leadership Groups

- A. F.A.S.T. (Family and Staff Team) -- Yvette LaValle presented the F.A.S.T. Calendar that is located on the website at [www.goalsacademy.us](http://www.goalsacademy.us) and at the front office desk. Yvette was very enthusiastic when reviewing her team’s accomplishments with parents by selling Fireworks in July of 2018. She stated that the fireworks stand rental/property had a cost of \$2,800.00, but the charge was contested due to issues. Settled on \$2,300.00. The other booths paid \$1,500.00 with fewer issues. GOALS Academy made \$9,200.00 in fundraising, and \$4,500.00 is allocated to 6<sup>th</sup> grade science camp.
- B. SSC (School Site Council) -- Maria McWilliams Cancino (Classified Representative), has been voted in by school classified staff as their school representative. Myra Valazquez, Maria Figueroa, and Jennifer Magana have been voted by ballots by the parents at Back-to-School Night.

**VIII. Consent Calendar – None**

Items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Governance Committee in one motion. There is no discussion of these items unless a member of the Governance Committee requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

**IX. Action Calendar**

- A. Approval of Governance Committee Officers -- Motion: Faruhki, Second: M. Anderson, Vote:3/3
- B. Approval of Monthly Financial Update -- Motion: Escobedo, Second: Faruhki, Vote: 3/3
- C. Approval of Hourly & Retro Increase from \$12.00 to \$15.00 -- Motion: Anderson, Second: Faruhki, Vote:3/3
- D. Approval of Governance Board new start time at 5:30 p.m. -- Motion: Escobedo, Second: Faruhki Vote:3/3

**X. Governance Committee Member Reports**

This is an opportunity for Governance Committee members to provide updates on school activities in which they have participated or upcoming community events.

NONE

**XI. Future Agenda Items -- None**

**XII. Adjournment -- 7:14 p.m.**