

GOALS ACADEMY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – 5:44 p.m.

A. Introduction and Roll Call

A regular meeting of the GOALS Academy Governance Committee meeting was called to order by the committee chairperson, Alexy Escobedo, in the GOALS Academy 3rd grade classroom at 412 W, Carl Karcher Way, Anaheim, CA at 5:44 PM.

Members of the Board Present:

Mike Anderson
Alexy Escobedo
Fareed Farukhi

Staff Members Present:

Debbie Schroeder (Director)	Michele Rowell (Teacher)
Will Cheshier (Assistant Director)	Sandra Tafolla (Education Specialist)*
Chammarra Nguyen (Special Education Coordinator)	

Parents Present:

Diana Lupian	Colby Chambers
Mayra Velazquez	Erika Peoples
Jennifer Centa	Nayeli Barros
Kerilynn Cooke	Tina Husted
Shalena Harris	Silvia Favela
Miriam A.Fernandez	Sabrina Brannon
Sonya White	Flor Arreola
Rafael Magana	Sarah Lizardo
Sonya White	Alyssa Truman
Miriam A. Fernandez	Maria Chambers
Michele Matthew	Maria Figueroa
Tim Centa	Yvette LaValle

Others Attendees:

Dave Wilk (GFGA)	Amita Parikh (Senior Client Manager)
Jen Rodriguez (GFGA)	Frank Cardona
Les Gonzalez (GFGA)	Jerry O'Connell

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

C. Correct/Approve Minutes of 8/27/18 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.

Maria Figueroa:

Spoke about the current vacancies of the GOALS Academy Governance Committee and expressed a desire for current openings to be filled by GOALS Academy parents. Explained that many charter schools have parent participation on their committees and believes it will strengthen the partnership between parents, school, and GOALS.

Myra Valazquez:

Spoke about the parent concern regarding GOALS Academy and GOALS not having a separate EIN number. Believe having the two organizations bundled together creates complications and causes the school to miss out on opportunities.

Jennifer Centa:

Spoke on parents concern regarding scholar access to the campus, primarily the tennis courts. Explained that when families toured the campus in the beginning, they were assured that their children would have access to the courts and thus far it hasn't happened.

Jenifer Magana:

Spoke regarding concerns about fiscal clarity and transparency. She asked questions about Anaheim LLC and its relationship with GOALS and GOALS Academy. Believes that finances for the two GOALS organizations (GOALS Academy and GOALS) need to be managed completely separately in order to keep things clear for the protection of the charter.

Kerilynn Cooke:

Spoke on concerns with the current facilities for GOALS Academy. Spoke on lack of parking, challenges caused by the current homeless population in the area, and the upcoming needle exchange program. Also concerned about lack of play area for scholars and the ability to grow programs due to lack of space.

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. Introduction of Jerry O’Connell, Board President of GOALS

Jerry spoke on his own background and relationship with GOALS.

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

Dave shared a written report on GOALS updates. He summarized several points from the paper, including updates on programming and expansion into the Gauer area. Also discussed cadet program and expansion of hockey program into local high schools. Discussed history with area challenges regarding homelessness and some future plans for action. Also discussed plans by the city to drill to study water.

VI. Updates from GOALS Academy Consultants and Staff Members

A. Amita Parikh, EdTec Consultant -- Monthly Financial Update

Amita shared information regarding the July and August financial report, including increases to payroll for hourly employees. There are also some other potential changes regarding revenue. More updates during next meeting. Schools looks strong in the area of cashflow.

B. Carolyn Parsons, Leadership Assistant – Ms. Parsons is out. Update completed by D. Schroeder

Update on enrollment – 241 Scholars. Last spring waiting list was 480, and now it’s about 350. Some moved on because they found other schools while they were on waiting list for up to three years.

C. Debbie Schroeder, Founding Director

- Leadership Team (Cabinet) – Debbie Schroeder, Will Chesher, Chammarra Nguyen, and Carolyn Parsons
- Confirmed vacancies on Governance Committee – Dorothy Rose and Bill Taormina
 - Both Rose and Taormina officially submitted resignation. Currently only 3 board members remain. Concerns discussed regarding quorum and filling the additional seats.
- Reminders about Public Input at Governance Committee
 - Reminders were shared regarding procedure at governance committee meetings and the correct times in which information/opinion/etc. can be shared.
 - There shouldn’t be an extended dialogue between the Cabinet and Leadership Team and the parents.
- Proposed areas of support from consultant(s)
 - Schroeder to be part of the choosing of the consultant. Areas in which consultant expertise may be needed include:
 - Fulfillment of vacancies on Governance Committee . Work with consultant to determine to right format of committee to support school needs.
 - Consultant to provide support to GOALS and GOALS Academy to determine impact of EIN separation
 - Role definitions/job descriptions in order to have role clarity

- Building options
- D. Presentation to Anaheim Elementary School District on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Prezi
 - Handouts
 - Question and Answer

In order to respect people's time, this planned presentation was cancelled for the Governance Committee. However, Schroeder explained what the presentation was and why it was being done. Invitation extended to all to attend.

VII. Follow-Up by Governance Committee –

Status of Investment Process – Fareed Farukhi

Farukhi (with the support of Dave) moved 1 million into treasury bills. This money is secured and liquid, accessible to the school at any time it is needed. There is also some money in a sweep account at F&M. Planning on investing some additional money in a Wells Fargo Private Investment Group.

VIII. Updates from Parent/Staff Leadership Groups

A. F.A.S.T. (Family and Staff Team)

Jenn Centa: President of F.A.S.T. (2 years) – Presented year-long calendar of events and described both events that have passed and upcoming events.

B. SSC (School Site Council)

Yvette LaValle– Chairperson. Spoke on past events (mayoral event) and parent concerns regarding voice in the leadership of the school.

IX. 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.

X. Action Calendar

A. Approval of Monthly Financial Update

Motion: Alexy Escobedo, Second: Fareed Farukhi, Vote:3

Debbie requested a plan for a temporary measure to fill space on board. Also requested permission to survey GOALS Academy families regarding location options for building search.

XI. Governance Committee Member Reports - NONE

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

XII. Future Agenda Items

A. Results of GOALS Academy parent survey regarding possible locations for new campus

B. Presentation of plan for temporary fulfillment of open board member spots

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Next Regular Meeting on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.