

GOALS ACADEMY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
10/29/18

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I. Call to Order

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 5:41 PM. The following people were in attendance.

Members of the Governance Committee: Mike Anderson, Alexy Escobedo, and Fareed Farukhi

Staff Members: Debbie Schroeder (Founding Director), Will Cheshier (Assistant Director), Chammarra Nguyen (Special Education Coordinator), Carolyn Parsons (Leadership Assistant), and Michele Rowell (Teacher)

Parents: Nayeli Banos, Sabrina Brannon, Jennifer Centa, Kerilynn Cooke, Maria Figueroa, Shalena Harris, Kelli Hoover, Yvette LaValle, Leslie Lee, Jennifer Magana, Michele Matthew, Anthony Nguyen, Charles Selstad, Alyssa Truman, Rogelio Vargas, Mayra Velazquez, and Susan Wiesmuller

Others: Les Gonzalez (GFGA), Nancy Murguia (GFGA), Jen Rodriguez (GFGA), and Amita Parikh (EdTec Senior Client Manager)

B. Adoption of Agenda

1. Escobedo proposed the removal of one item from the agenda at the request of O'Connell, GOALS Board President – Procopio Consultant Report
2. Anderson and Farukhi consented to the removal of the item
3. Adoption of the Agenda then ensued
4. Motion: Fareed Farukhi
5. Second: Mike Anderson
6. Vote: 3/3

- C. Correct/Approve Minutes of 9/24/18 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.

During the 10/29/18 meeting, there were no public speakers on agenda items.

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.

During the 10/29/18 meeting, there were no public speakers on items not on the agenda.

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

- A. GOALS updates were presented by Les Gonzalez. GOALS has been developing a partnership with My Day Counts. They have created a program called Everybody Counts that presents modified sports and job training to adults with disabilities. Additionally, GOALS is working with the Anaheim Ducks to incorporate their brand and support into an afterschool hockey program they are running (i.e., ABC Neighborhood).
- B. GFGA updates were presented by Jen Rodriguez. The coaches have been teaching scholars about job opportunities like veterinary sciences and helping with math (multiplication) and geography. They've done some lessons on the human body and presented to scholars about culture (Day of the Dead and Halloween). In terms of sports, the focus has been on soccer and capture the flag.

V. Updates from GOALS Academy Consultants and Staff Members

- A. Amita Parikh, EdTec Consultant -- Monthly Financial Update
1. Discussed potential revenue opportunities such as professional development grant
 2. Made recommendation to increase expenditures in light of projected EOY balance
 3. Advised school to spend at least \$150,000 to ensure that reserve doesn't grow too large
- B. Carolyn Parsons, Leadership Assistant (Parsons absent; report given by Schroeder)
1. Update on enrollment -- GOALS Academy is currently fully enrolled (241 scholars) with approximately 291 scholars on the waiting list. While there has been some movement (primarily families moving out of the Anaheim area), we continue to be able to fill spots quickly from the waiting list.
 2. Fall Festival and 1st Recruitment Effort -- Looking for scholars at all grade levels, especially if there is a possibility of increasing enrollment to 480 in 2020-2021. Largest portion of waiting list is currently TK/K, but want to grow list of other grades as well. Many Interest Forms were distributed, and some forms have been returned.
- C. Debbie Schroeder, Founding Director, and Will Chesher, Assistant Director
1. Reminders about Public Input at Governance Committee Meetings – Audience may speak at the beginning of the meeting by completing the provided form.
 2. Proposed Expenditures
 - Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for Tier 3 Intervention Support
 - STEAM Specialist to release Will Chesher for additional administrative support
 - Consultant support in preparation for charter renewal
 3. Data from Approved Parent Survey
 - 93/165 families + 10 paper surveys collected, or 62%
 - A majority of families were comfortable with moving 5 miles away, and majority of parents were ok with a church property.
 - Parents reflected that they love the small school feel. However, if we discussed the idea of school within a school, some parents may be more accepting of growing (primary and upper grade school on same campus).
 4. Preliminary discussion with Paul Kott, Real Estate Agent – Agreement Pending Approval; placed on hold
 5. Discussion of Undefined Structure and Roles of School Leadership and Governance Committee

- Wording in Charter – needs clarification
- Focus on Element 4 of the charter -- Governance structure is cumbersome. Currently written to say that the committee cannot take a vote unless we get permission from O'Connell (small decisions) or wait for the GOALS Board to convene (big decisions). The school's staff and Governance Committee need guidance regarding what is a small decision and what is a big decision. Also, the staff and Governance Committee need guidance into what decisions can be made at the school level, Governance Committee level, Board level, etc.
- Difficulties due to undefined roles
- Originally gave all the day-to-day operations role to the school's director and Governance Committee. Recently, this has been less clear and may impact day-to-day functioning of the school.
- In absence of further clarification, will continue to proceed in accordance to set precedence
- Concerns regarding adherence to strict standards and timelines associated with public schools
- Challenges of backlog due to slow processes and unclear communication

VI. Follow-Up by Governance Committee

- A. Status on Scheduling of Fall Meeting of GOALS Board
1. According to Escobedo, no date confirmed at this point. O'Connell is still working on it.
 2. Schroeder was informed that meeting would be scheduled for January.
 3. Escobedo will follow up on this and get back to the Committee.
 4. Brown Act makes it necessary to publicize calendar for the school year.
- B. Status on Vacancies to Governance Committee
1. O'Connell asked that we bring in Frank Cardona and Israel Ramos as interim members on the GOALS Academy Governance Committee.
 2. Anderson mentioned that we should have allow at least one parent. Suggests waiting for consultant study before adding on new people.
- C. Role and Status of Consultant
1. Schroeder asked about the vetting process of the "finalist," but received no response from Wilk.
 2. Suggestion made for group to determine what the focus on the consultants should be prior to interviewing them. This would help to determine necessary qualifications and experience.

3. Anderson will follow up with Wilk and bring more information back to committee.
- D. Status on Real Estate Search Agreement
1. Proposed agreement provided by Paul Kott placed on hold.
 2. Farukhi will follow up and get back to the committee with more information.

VII. Updates from Parent/Staff Leadership Groups

- A. *F.A.S.T. (Family and Staff Team): Jennifer Centa, President*
Cow Chip Bingo raised \$17,040. This money will be dispersed to different areas, including 6th grade Outdoor Science School, 5th grade American Revolution simulation, 4th grade Gold Rush simulation, and F.A.S.T. events. School celebrated Red Ribbon week with dress up days, poster contest, etc. Additionally, there was a family fun night hosted by FAST, which included robotics competitions and food made by the scholars. Additionally, many Big Labs classes presented the projects they worked on throughout the trimester.
- B. *SSC (School Site Council) – Maria Figueroa, Member*
Discussed concerns the SSC has with the current makeup of the GOALS Academy Governance Committee and the lack of parent representation and voice. Reviewed GOALS Board language to determine there was nothing currently excluding parental involvement.

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 Monthly Financial Update
Motion: Escobedo
Second: Farukhi
Vote: 3/3
- B. Approval of TOSA for Tier 3 Intervention
Motion: Anderson
Second: Escobedo
Vote: 3/3
- C. Approval of STEAM Specialist

Motion: Farukhi
Second: Anderson
Vote: 3/3

- D. Approval of Additional Consultant Support
Motion: Escobedo
Second: Farukhi
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.

No updates provided

XI. **Future Agenda Items**

- A. Clarification of Roles of GOALS Academy Governance Committee and GOALS Board
- B. Filling of Vacancies on GOALS Academy Governance Committee
- C. Determination of Presentation Items for GOALS Board's Fall Meeting
- D. Results of Consultant Search in Partnership Dave Wilk and Debbie Schroeder
- E. Process for Securing New Location for GOALS Academy

XII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Next Regular Meeting on Monday, November 26, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.