

DRAFT MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Envision Schools
Envision Schools Support Office
185 Berry Street, Suite 220
San Francisco, CA 94107
Monday, April 2, 2007
5:00 – 8:00 pm

I. PRELIMINARY

A. Call to Order

Bob Lenz called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm.

B. Roll Call

Present: William La Herran, Teresa Lai, Bob Lenz, Tom Kehler, Patrick Macias, Daniel McLaughlin, Amy Verneti

Absent: Cory Gaines, Debra Meyerson, Sanjay Poonen, Joel Zarrow

Also Present: Shilpa Duvoor, Jeri Howland, Bob Fyles, Chris Pelgrift, Stewart Fox, MSAT Parents, Jon Schwartz

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bob announced the excellent API results for CAT, Metro, and MSAT. He noted that CAT's academic performance garnered it a 10 out of 10 API score for similar schools, placing it in the top 10% of all California public schools with similar demographics.

B. FOR INFORMATION, BOARD/STAFF DISCUSSION

1. Enrollment Update (Jon Schwartz)

Jon presented an update on enrollment for all 5 schools.

2. Facilities Update (Bob Fyles)

Bob Fyles presented an update on facilities for all 5 schools.

3. Development Update (Jeri Howland)

Jeri presented an update on fundraising and announced that Envision Schools has received an offer of pro bono services to assist with the development of a logo and website redesign. To aid in this process she will distribute a Marketing/Branding questionnaire and would greatly appreciate any and all feedback.

4. Update on Latin American Club Trip to Nicaragua (Jon Schwartz)

Jon presented a brief update on the trip to Nicaragua.

5. Update on Organizational Consulting (Daniel McLaughlin)

Daniel presented an update on the Strayer consulting work. Daniel, Bob, Jeannette, Chris, Jeri, and Amy Verneti met at Davenport to continue discussions about growth planning, board development and design, and staffing for key positions such as COO and VP for Strategic Growth. Daniel stated that everyone is very happy with the quality of the consulting team.

III. CLOSED SESSION

The closed session was convened at 5:25 pm.

IV. DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION

The open session was reconvened at 6:30 pm.

Bob reported that the Board voted unanimously to accept student expulsion case ##0506-6. The motion was moved by Tom Kehler and was seconded by Daniel McLaughlin.

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Consent Calendar

- i. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2007
- ii. Review of Envision Schools Check Register (from EdTec)
- iii. Approval of Sexual Education Policy
- iv. Approval of Apple Computer Lease Equipment

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

VOTE: VERNETTI/KEHLER Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays

B. Acceptance of Marin County Grand Jury Report

Bob stated that Envision Schools must respond to the Grand Jury Report.

Discussion ensued regarding the Grand Jury's recommendations.

MOTION: MOVE TO AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATION #1, DISAGREE PARTIALLY WITH #5, AND EXPLORE #2.

VOTE: VERNETTI/LA HERRAN Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays

C. Approve Webster Street Building Lease for EA

Chris summarized key developments since the last Board meeting. He stated that purchasing the building has become infeasible due to necessary permits and cash flow risk. Chris summarized the two lease proposals on the table.

MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE TO GIVE STAFF DIRECTIVE TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF LEASE UNDER THE TERMS DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. IF TERMS HAVE CHANGED, THE LEASE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

VOTE: VERNETTI/McLAUGHLIN Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays

Discussion ensued regarding the relative cost of this facility in comparison to our other schools facilities and Envision's commitment to Oakland.

D. Update on MSAT Facilities

Chris and Stewart gave a brief overview of where MSAT stands on facilities. Bob noted that 71% of MSAT students have been accepted to a 4-year college, while the average for Marin County is 40%. Stewart summarized the options available to MSAT.

MSAT parents commented. Daniel thanked the MSAT parents for their time and effort. Bob thanked Stewart and Patrick for their leadership.

MOTION: MOVE TO AUTHORIZE ENVISION SCHOOLS STAFF TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE FOR THE ED CENTER FACILITY UNDER THE TERMS DISCUSSED.

VOTE: VERNETTI/KEHLER Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOVE TO ADJOURN

VOTE: MACIAS/VERNETTI

Vote: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.