

March 14th, 2019 3-6pm
California Community Foundation
281 S. Figueroa St., Suite 100

Board members present: M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez

Board members calling in: N. Parraz (outside LAUSD boundaries)

Board members absent: R. Bishop, M. Carlisle, P. Feder, J. Goldin, J. Miller

KIPP LA team present: M. Aaron, L. Brianza, J. Coleman, D. Greenberg, K. Hennessy, K. Kepler, M. Peskay, A. Martinez, T. Mizokami, T. Moore, K. Salyer, B. Sanchez, C. Shararian, A. Valencia

Guests: Adam Iqueda (KIPP Parent)

I. Welcome and Call to Order

F. Reddick called a meeting of the Board of Directors of KIPP LA Public Schools to order on March 14th, 2019 at 3:06pm.

Quorum was reached at 3:06pm.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Consent

L. Jacobson made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez

Nay (0)

IV. Inspiration and Education

Tessa Mizokami presented her school plan for KIPP Pueblo Unido, opening next year in Southeast Los Angeles. She was a teacher at KIPP Iluminar Academy, a KIPPStar recipient, and has been a fellow in the KIPP LA School Leader Fellow Program. This school will be the 18th in the LA region and will be the fourth TK-8th school. The school will unite daily with the Morning Assembly, Community Circles, Pueblo Meetings and frequent family events. The character strengths are love, optimism, ganas, and curiosity. Discussion ensued.

V. KIPP LA Update:

M. Peskay thanked Mr. Iqueda for bringing his concerns to the last special board meeting. He reported that he and Mr. Iqueda met after the meeting and M. Peskay took thorough notes, which were shared with Mr. Iqueda for accuracy. These notes were then shared with the Senior Leadership Team and the school site Leadership Team. The school site team is working on a plan to address his concerns.

M. Aaron gave an update on events that have happened in KIPP LA since the last regular board meeting. Such events included the opening of KIPP Comienza Community Prep Lower School's new building, KIPP Empower Academy's Family Yoga Night, KIPP Vida Preparatory Academy's Wax Museum, KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy's recruitment efforts, and high school acceptances. Discussion ensued.

M. Aaron also gave an overview of highlights and challenges that the region is facing. Seven of our schools will be recognized as being among the highest performing schools serving under-resourced students, KIPP Los Angeles Prep was recognized as a California Distinguished School, San Diego Unified School District approved the new KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy charter, and the completion of three facilities. However, KIPP Academy of Opportunity and KIPP Scholar Academy were both identified as needing support and KIPP Academy of Opportunity is also undergoing a School Leader change. Discussion ensued.

A. Martinez stepped the Board through the California Dashboard, which is a public display of school performance. She also gave detailed overviews of KIPP Academy of Opportunity and KIPP Scholar Academy's dashboards and performance scores. School Leader T. Moore and J. Coleman were present to also speak on the matter. There are new interventions in place, as well as new tools and more staff members. Discussion ensued.

M. Aaron reviewed the current political state for charter schools in California. Besides new leadership, there are also a number of anti-charter bills introduced. Regarding SB 126, KIPP LA will have to make a number of changes in the structure of board meetings in order to be in compliance with the new law. M. Aaron described the new Blue Ribbon Panel on Charters, which is expected to deliver their report by July 1st. A positive is the parcel tax which will raise overall per-pupil funding. Discussion ensued.

M. Aaron continued on to an update on CEO goals, as well as the progress with the San Diego merger. All Boards involved have approved the material revisions, Adelante is on track with hiring and enrolling students, and the new building is underway. Discussion ensued.

L. Brianza introduced the Low Performing Students Block Grant to the Board Members, which would provide funding to schools with low performing students not in any student group. Discussion ensued. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the grant plans. F. Reddick seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter renewal for KIPP Ignite Academy. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the charter renewal for KIPP Ignite Academy. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter renewal for KIPP Empower Academy. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the charter renewal for KIPP Empower Academy. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter renewal for KIPP Promesa Prep. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the charter renewal for KIPP Promesa Prep. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter renewal for KIPP Comienza Community Prep. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the charter renewal for KIPP Comienza Community Prep. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter petition for KIPP LEA 18, which will be located within LAUSD. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the submission of the charter for KIPP LEA 18. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter petition for KIPP LEA 19, which will be located within LAUSD. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the submission of the charter for KIPP LEA 19. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Brianza introduced the charter petition for KIPP LEA 20, which will be located outside LAUSD in an adjacent area. L. Jacobson made a motion to authorize the submission of the charter for KIPP LEA 20. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

L. Jacobson presented her report from the recent school visit at KIPP Empower Academy on February 14, 2019. She was impressed by their motto of being strong in mind, body, and spirit as well as the yoga and meditation activities. She praised their one-on-one counseling space as well as the their advances in student behavior.

VI. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: K. Salyer gave an overview of the LAUSD Oversight Visit Fiscal Operations Report. The report flagged that KIPP LA had some incomplete supporting documentation for a few contracts as well as some minor issues with employee expense reimbursement and minor credit card charges. The next steps are to review and amend fiscal policies for certain recommendations, continue to train team members on fiscal policies, and to work with the general counsel to review scope of work in contracts. L. Jacobson made a motion to accept the LAUSD Oversight Visit Fiscal Operations Report. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

Real Estate Committee: K. Salyer led a discussion on current real estate projects. He reviewed the environmental impact reports for the Cudahy site and the timeline for purchase approval. This site is expected to be similar to the Karsh campus, containing both the Lower and Upper School of KIPP Pueblo Unido. Discussion ensued.

K. Salyer reviewed the South Gate real estate transaction. This parcel is a small piece of land which is intended to expand the play area of KIPP Corazón Academy. The team is not expecting environmental factors. E. Kavounas made a motion to approve the acquisition of the South Gate property contingent upon approval from the Real Estate Committee. C. Bermudez seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

K. Salyer reviewed the Compton real estate transaction. The parcel is across the street from the current parcel for the Lower School of KIPP Compton Community School and owned by the same person as the current site. L. Jacobson made a motion to approve the acquisition of the Compton property. H. Lord seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Yay (7): M. Armona, C. Bermudez, L. Jacobson, E. Kavounas, H. Lord, F. Reddick, L. Rodriguez
Nay (0)

Governance Committee: M. Aaron led a discussion on board members recruitment, CEO succession planning, the KIPP SoCal Advisory Committee, and future meeting logistics in San Diego. Discussion ensued.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss F. Reddick adjourned the meeting of the KIPP LA Board of Directors at 5:36pm.