
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KIPP LA SCHOOLS

MINUTES

May 7, 2014 - 3 PM
At KIPP Empower Academy
8466 S Figueroa St
Los Angeles, CA 90003

Board members present: F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic
KIPP LA team present: M. Aaron, S. Hughes, A. Martinez, J. Dobic, M. Peskay, K. Salyer M. Sturges, A. Hewitt, N. Scott, B. Sanchez

Guests: EJ Kavounas, Angelica Alvarez, Brenda Vizcarra, Marche Boose - Welch, Dawn Accius, Diana Beckman, Teresa Aruiza - Mendoza, Destinee Dewalt - Chase, Derek Chase, Lynette Mason,

I. Welcome and Call to Order

F Reddick called a meeting of the Board of Directors of KIPP LA Schools to order on Friday February 21, 2014 at 3 PM. M Aaron gave a brief update on KIPP LA facilities.
Quorum was reached.

II. Public Comment

There was public comment from Marche Boose - Welch, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. The parent stated that she was very happy with the teachers at KIPP Empower. She also stated that she was concerned about classroom size and lack of teacher resources. There was public comment from Brenda Vizcarra, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student stated that she was concerned about the classes being too large and lack of resources for teachers. There was public comment from Angelica Alvarez, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. The parent stated she was concerned about the security and safety at KIPP Empower Academy, class size and the addition of KIPP Academy of Opportunity students to the KIPP Empower Academy campus next year. There was public comment from Dawn Accius, parent of two KIPP Empower Academy students. The parent stated that they were very close to the teachers and staff at KIPP Empower Academy and wanted to make sure they got the resources they needed. She also stated she was concerned about safety, class size, lack of resources for teachers and extra curricular activities. There was public comment from Teresa Mendoza, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. The parent stated she was concerned about the addition of KIPP Academy of Opportunity students to the campus next year and lack of communication from the administration. There was public comment from Lynette Mason, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. The parent stated she was concerned about the lack of electives offered to the students and the safety of the school location. There was public comment from Destinee Dewalt - Chase, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student, who stated that she was very happy with the teachers and staff at KIPP Empower Academy, but was concerned about lack of resources for teachers and students. There was public comment from Angel Hackett, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. The parent stated she was concerned about the safety of the neighborhood the school is in and the addition of KIPP Academy of Opportunity students to the campus next year. There was public comment from Derek Chase, parent of a KIPP Empower Academy student. He stated that he has a close relationship with the school and it's staff and his children love KIPP Empower, but he is concerned about the lack of resources for teachers and the location of the school.

F Reddick requested that there be a follow-up at the next Board meeting regarding teacher/student ratios, campus safety and communication with parents.

III. Consent Agenda

F Reddick announced the resignation of Jeff Strnad from KIPP LA Schools Board of Directors.

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic
Nay - (0)

F Reddick motioned to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic
Nay - (0)

V. Follow Up from Prior Board Meeting

S Hughes and N Scott gave a follow up from the February 21, 2014 Board meeting regarding KIPP LA School suspension, attrition, and parent comments from the public comment portion of the February 2014 meeting.

V. KIPP LA Update

M Aaron gave an overview of KIPP LA School events that took place during the 2013-14 school year. M Aaron also discussed what has taken place in terms of political advocacy since the last Board meeting. A Martinez gave an overview of key focus areas in academics at KIPP LA Schools including the Common Core transition, teacher hiring and school leader transitions. A Martinez also gave an overview of the Healthy Schools & Regions Survey results for 2013-14. J Dobic gave an overview of development to date and upcoming KIPP LA engagement opportunities for the Board. M Aaron reviewed FY 2015 initiatives.

VI. Finance

M Aaron and K Salyer gave an overview of KIPP LA Schools financial initiatives for FY 2015.

Budget (VOTE)

Yay - (8) Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

LCFF/LCAP (VOTE)

Yay - (7) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

Abstain - (1) F. Reddick was not in the room for this vote

Bond Offering (VOTE)

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

Lease Approval for new SST (VOTE)

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

VII. Governance

S Hughes introduced EJ Kavounas a board member nominee. (VOTE)

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

S Hughes introduced Debra Somberg as a board member nominee. (VOTE)

Yay - (8) F. Reddick, Z. Guevara, G. McGinity, J. Rogers, M. Shourie, A. Rubalcava, A. Narcisse, J. Cilic

Nay - (0)

VII. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6 :03PM.