



**Minutes / 9-29-20**

**Location: PODER Academy**

**A. Attendance:** Marcos Martinez, Nick Avila, Robert Salazar, Carlos Reyes

**B. Approval of Agenda**

1. Carlos motion to approve agenda (6:20pm); affirmed unanimous

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Bob motion to approve minutes (6:21pm); affirmed unanimous

**D. Public Comment**

1. No public comment at this time.

**E. School Updates**

1. PODER won the National Blue Ribbon Award 2020
  - a. Two ways to get it
    - i. Overall academic achievement
    - ii. Academic growth
  - b. School should be getting some positive press
  - c. Official ceremony in D.C. is cancelled due to COVID
  - d. School will be doing something local to celebrate
    - i. hope to have the Board and Mayor say a few words
2. COVID-19 Updates
  - a. School has erected plastic barriers in classrooms and restricted movement
  - b. Mandatory mask policy remains in effect
  - c. Two students have reported a positive COVID test
    - i. Both students were exposed to a family member at home
    - ii. Students were removed prior to their positive COVID test
    - iii. No other reported cases
3. WY-TOPP / MAPS
  - a. Already completed the first 2 assessments
  - b. Remote students took MAPS assessment from home
  - c. Came to school and took the WY-TOPP in isolation
4. School Clubs – School is offering 3 clubs this year
  - a. Chess, spelling bee, tennis, science
5. Chess tourneys have been cancelled for the year
6. Staff absences

- a. The school as well trained staff who can fill in seamlessly when teachers are absent, which is good preparation for COVID leave
- 7. Bob: What is percentage of kids who are taking remote classes?
  - a. Roughly 20%
- 8. Bob: Can they return to in-school learning at any time?
  - a. They must wait until the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- 9. Bob: How much student attrition has the school had?
  - a. Only 2-3 students have left, enrollment is stable with waiting lists in all classes

**F. Financials Oversight / Approval**

- 1. Marcos: COVID preparations were very expensive
  - a. All supplies purchased are reimbursable under CARES Act
  - b. School has not received payment yet
- 2. Reserve is at roughly half a million now
  - a. Reserve has doubled from last Board meeting
  - b. Enrollment is excellent
  - c. However, school is anticipating a 10% budget slash to state education budget, could be more based on new legislature
- 3. Bob: When is Board going to approve the budget?
  - a. Marcos: At the next meeting once expenditures have stabilized
- 4. Bob: K-12 and UW funding are hard to slash, written into the constitution
  - a. However, legislature can still cut funding for state as a whole
- 5. Bob motion to approve financials for Aug 20' (6:45pm); affirmed unanimous

**G. Executive Session**

- 1. Carlos motion to enter Executive Session (6:46pm); affirmed unanimous
- 2. Bob motion to exit Executive Session (6:58pm); affirmed unanimous

**H. Next Board Meeting**

- 1. Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm) – PODER

**I. Adjourn** – Carlos motion to adjourn (7:01pm); affirmed unanimous