



Minutes / 8-17-21

Location: PODER Academy

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

B. Approval of Agenda

1. Yara motion to approve agenda (6:11pm); affirmed unanimous

C. Approval of Minutes

1. Yara motion to approve minutes (6:11pm); affirmed unanimous

D. Public Comment

1. No public comment at this time.

E. School / COVID-19 update

1. Year started out smooth
2. Chess team will be doing 5 tournaments
3. After-school clubs – will start next week
4. Carlos: when did school start?
 - a. Monday on the 9th
 - b. PODER starts a bit earlier than the district
5. Yara – how did summer school go?
 - a. Marcos: attendance was a little bit low, tutoring groups were small but students get a lot out of it
6. Tennis program – summer season had ups and downs
 - a. Not having access to tennis courts was tough
7. COVID 19 – Masks are optional for students, mandatory for staff
 - a. Admin team will follow LCSD lead on masks, will await announcement
 - i. Bob: LCCC is doing the Month of Masks
 - ii. Students are required to wear a mask wear social distance not feasible
 - b. Bob – when will kids be able to get vaccine shots?
 - i. Marcos: Think they may be available for kids 12 years and up
8. Audit – still in process
 - a. Marcos: Emergency meeting can be called if Board is required to meet earlier than the next board meeting to discuss audit
9. Charter application
 - a. Avila and St. Peter are in charge of the application
 - b. Will need to submit that next month
 - c. Marcos encourages the Board to show up
 - d. Bob – school board will have some new trustees
 - i. Bob would like to interface with them prior to the meeting
 - e. Carlos – what date?

- i. Marcos: no date yet established
- 10. Red Carpet Event for new gym
 - a. Marcos: Postponing the event, gym won't be ready in time
 - b. Moved it back to November 18th, 4:00pm
 - c. Carlos – should Board provide refreshments?
 - i. Marcos – school will provide refreshments,
 - ii. Board may be called upon to host
 - d. May not provide food, perhaps soda and water
 - i. Crackers and cookies
 - ii. May not want to do finger food
 - e. Maybe some PODER swag to hand out

F. Financials / Oversight (through June 30th, 2021)

- 1. PODER has a new contact at CSMC
- 2. Year close out
 - a. Will start receiving reimbursements and reserve will increase
 - b. School is making some cuts
 - c. Amount of CARES funding has not yet been established
 - i. Rumor is that funds will be double the first round
- 3. Budget is healthy
- 4. Bob: why the salary discrepancy? High variance on the negative side
 - a. Marcos: hired some unanticipated salary positions
 - b. New federal dollars will help offset some of that variance
- 5. Bob: What is the insurance costs?
 - a. Marcos: PODER is up for renewal in October so new policy will kick in
 - b. Cost will be updated and will likely be higher
- 6. Carlos motion to approve financials: (6:39pm): affirmed unanimous

G. Executive Session

- 1. Bob motion to enter Executive Session (6:39pm); affirmed unanimous
- 2. Yara motion to exit Executive Session (6:54pm); affirmed unanimous

H. Next Board Meeting

- 1. Tuesday, October 5th (6:00pm) – PODER

I. Adjourn – Bob motion to adjourn (6:55pm); affirmed unanimous