



**Minutes / 10-5-21**

**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. Carlos motion to approve minutes (6:11pm); affirmed unanimous

**D. Public Comment**

1. No public comment at this time.

**E. School / COVID-19 update**

1. PODER is fully enrolled with waitlists in some classes
2. After-school clubs now include science, chess, and intramurals
3. Chess tournys are starting in Fort Collins,
  - a. PODER won't attend nationals in Nashville this year
  - b. Looking to attend next year
4. Bob – how is the mask mandate going?
  - a. Marcos: PODER has followed the LCSD1 policy, all visitors must wear masks
  - b. Avila: parents have been largely cooperative
5. Yara – how did WY-TOPP results look?
  - a. Marcos: Just completed interim assessments, different from summative
  - b. Scores did not drop as much as projected
6. COVID Update
  - a. School still follows quarantine as much as practically possible
  - b. Masks help prevent excessive quarantine measures
  - c. Carlos: how many kids are in each class?
    - i. About 20-30 kids
7. Bob – how are teachers handling it?
  - a. Avila: teachers are split on the issue but nevertheless cooperative
8. Bob – Is school still doing remote learning?
  - a. Marcos: Still doing remote learning when necessary
  - b. Bob: do kids have access to laptops?
    - i. Yes
9. Charter application update
  - a. Avila took on that project, the 1<sup>st</sup> draft is officially in
  - b. District will now respond with any revisions
  - c. Marcos requests the Board attend the school board meeting
10. Red Carpet – cancelled, tennis courts not finished, may push it to the spring

**F. Audit**

1. Marcos – clean audit with no flags to report
  - a. No issues to discuss, no recommendations
2. Bob – why the large fluctuation in capital assets net and long-term liabilities?
  - a. Marcos – may have to do with the 10-year lease renewal, viewed as both a liability and asset
    - i. Marcos: takes a while to get money reimbursed which appears as a decrease in net position
3. Bob – motion approve the audit (6:37); approved unanimous

**G. Financials / Oversight** (through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

1. Marcos: A bit over half a million in reserve
  - a. Project a large amount from the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of CARES funding
  - b. Will have 2 years to spend it
  - c. CARES III may be even greater amount
2. Bob: Why the dip in PODER's reserve?
  - a. Marcos: Took on unanticipated expenses
  - b. Budget is projections are well balanced going forward
3. Bob: when will the CARES money show on the financials?
  - a. Marcos: next financial statement
4. Yara – where does CARES funding originate?
  - a. Marcos: starts at the federal level
5. Yara motion to approve financials (6:47pm); affirmed unanimous

**H. Executive Session**

1. Carlos motion to enter Executive Session (6:47pm); affirmed unanimous
2. Carlos motion to exit Executive Session (6:57pm); affirmed unanimous

**I. Next Board Meeting**

1. Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm) – PODER

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