



**Minutes / 2-8-22**

**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 (6:02pm); affirmed unanimous

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Carlos motion to approve minutes (6:04pm); affirmed unanimous

**D. Public Comment**

1. No public comment at this time.

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

1. PODER was granted 5-year contract renewal
  - a. Bob: Thought the LCSD1 Board was very receptive
  - b. Marcos: Principals handled the hearing very well
  - c. The school's academic results were highlighted
  - d. Avila: students at PODER take academics seriously
  - e. Marcos: Believes the school has earned the Board's trust
2. Carlos: What incentives do students/staff receive for good scores
  - a. Marcos: Teacher bonuses, class field trips, prizes
3. Bob: is PODER going to expand?
  - a. Marcos: No facility space to expand, basement is too much work
4. Yara: Are there other charter applications coming in?
  - a. Marcos: yes
5. Chess season
  - a. Limited due to COVID
  - b. Main chess tourney coordinator has cancelled tourneys
  - c. National's tourney will not be held in-person
  - d. PODER just attempted online tourney that went badly
6. Tennis season – working to get everything ordered
  - a. Got a grant for \$7500 from USTA
7. MAPS and WY-TOPP interim scores looking good
8. PODER adopted the District's mask policy

**F. Financials Oversight (through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021)**

1. Marcos – reimbursements still coming in
  - a. Expenses a bit higher than projected
  - b. School expecting a large ESSER III grant. Do not anticipate a 4<sup>th</sup> round
  - c. Not done spending ESSER II funds
2. Bob: why below target for month of continued operation?

- a. School is just below the recommended 3 months of operating funds should revenue cease, but school still within acceptable range
3. Bob motion to approve the financials (6:41); approved unanimous

**G. Executive Session**

1. Yara motion to enter Executive Session (6:41pm); affirmed unanimous
2. Bob motion to exit Executive Session (6:58pm); affirmed unanimous

**H. Next Board Meeting**

1. Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm) – PODER

**I. Adjourn** – Yara motion to adjourn (7:00pm); affirmed unanimous