



**Minutes / 4-5-22**

**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 (6:08pm); affirmed unanimous

**C. Approval of Minutes**

1. Carlos motion to approve minutes (6:08pm); affirmed unanimous

**D. Public Comment**

1. Felicia Widger and Nelson Fresses addressed the Board about concerns regarding their student at PODER
  - a. Told “there are enough parents attending the field trip” so they were not permitted to attend. They would like this resolved.
  - b. They also seek a resolution to a disciplinary issue regarding their student. Do not feel it was addressed adequately with the staff.

**E. School Updates**

1. WY-TOPP professional development underway
  - a. Projecting good results
2. Tennis season
  - a. Certain gym activities will be reimbursed from COVID relief funds
3. Preparing to open gym facility to the public
  - a. \$50 for 90 minutes
  - b. Starting in the fall of 2022
4. MAPS testing will follow WY-TOPP
5. Projecting high enrollment for next year
  - a. Will hold lottery
  - b. Siblings get priority
  - c. Carlos: how many kids have applied so far?
    - i. Marcos: About 40 or so students for kinder, waitlists then get smaller as grade levels get higher

**F. Financials Oversight (through Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2022)**

1. Marcos – finances are healthy
  - a. Looking to shore up balance sheet, utilize COVID relief funds as much as possible
  - b. Adding a 6<sup>th</sup> grade at PODER will add to revenue
    - i. May take a few years for new revenue stream to make an impact
2. Bob: Very concerned about deficits and negative deviations
  - a. Financial snapshots do not reflect a balanced budget

- b. Marcos: Financial snapshots will show a more accurate picture by the end of the year after expected reimbursements come in. The timing in the year is a factor, lots of money going out, not much coming in due to financial cycles.
    - c. Bob: Board requests updated financial snapshots
    - d. Marcos: Assures Board that deficits will be rectified once all reimbursements come in
  3. Marcos: Audit will better reflect school's finances
  4. Bob: PODER is below recommended funding for continued operations
    - a. Marcos: not a huge concern, very close to goal and not likely that funding will cease unexpectedly
  5. Yara: Is PODER allowed to charge for enrollment?
    - a. Marcos: No, PODER is currently a public school
      - i. Can only charge for uniforms and other service fees
  6. Carlos: Also requests that snapshots are more current when the Board meets
    - a. Marcos will put in that request
  7. Carlos motion to approve the financials (7:30); approved unanimous

#### **G. Board Secretary**

1. The Board will need to elect a Secretary to take minutes
  - a. Board nominates Yara
  - b. Yara accepts nomination
2. Bob motion to appoint Yara as Secretary (7:36pm); approved unanimous

#### **H. Executive Session**

1. Yara motion to enter Executive Session (7:36pm); affirmed unanimous
2. Carlos motion to exit Executive Session (7:53pm); affirmed unanimous

#### **I. Next Board Meeting**

1. Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (6:00pm) – PODER

#### **J. Adjourn** – Yara motion to adjourn (7:55pm); affirmed unanimous