ACADEMICS ✧ INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ✧ MARITIME STUDIES

PORT OF LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2008
Port of Los Angeles High School
4:00 - 5:30 PM

M I N U T E S

Trustees Present: *Lanny Nelms, Camilla Townsend, Sandy Bradley, Elise Swanson, Tim McOsker, Stacey Jones, Joe Gatlin, Dorothy McCullough, Richard McKenna*
Trustees Absent: *Victoria Carrolle, Nick Tonsich, Esther Ek, John Ek,*
Staff Present: *James Cross, Linda Grimes, Erin Loveridge, Tom Scotti*

I. The Public session was called to order at 4:30 PM by Camilla Townsend.

II. Approval of Amended Agenda ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

Nelms motions to accept the amended agenda and Mckenna seconds.
PASSED 9-0

III. Approval of Consent Calendar ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

a. June 11, 2008 Agenda
b. May 14, 2008 Minutes

Jones motions to accept the agenda and minutes and Bradley seconds.
PASSED 9-0

IV. President Report *Camilla Townsend*

a. The board immediately checked the compliance failure of the special education program at POLAHS after the last meeting. The board investigated the issues and hired a special education consultant because of the legal issues that could have been involved. The issues were so grave that the charter was in danger of not being renewed. The students have been doing great while the school has been in session, the students were not being hurt by the program and the school is moving forward.
b. The board considered the options and worked with the district to reconcile the compliance issues. The final piece was turned in last week to LAUSD, all the corrections and changes were made to the charter and sent in on Sunday.
c. The board was contacted by LAUSD, it was proposed that the POLAHS charter be renewed for 5 years. Dr. Vladovic's office wrote that he truly supports our school. The special education consultant from LAUSD wrote that she truly appreciates the immediate action of POLAHS, she looks forward to a continued collaboration and communication with our staff. She believes in the success of our special education plan. Teacher and Dean Tom Scotti is now acting as Assistant Principal. The bylaws were revised as part of the charter renewal process.

V. Executive Director Report *Jim Cross*

a. Tom Scotti is currently the acting Assistant Principal.
b. POLAHS needs to broaden the base of accountability and responsibility, that became visible in terms of mentoring teachers and the inconsistent application of disciplinary responsibilities. POLAHS would like to hire a Dean who would deal with discipline issues and two or three lead teacher positions who would deal with things like mentoring

teachers. Ads will be placed in the paper for available positions. Two teacher offers have already been made, yet there are about 15 positions available for teachers.

c. 262 completed student applications were received.

d. POLAHS is offering Economics, remedial Math and English, Port History and Life Skills during summer school. Summer school dates are June 30-August 8. Summer school is a four hour day of instruction. The POLAHS parent meeting will be held at the Warner Grand Theater on August 6th, 2008. Students and parents will be given information about the new student handbook, uniform policy, staffing changes, sports etc.

e. Loan status is back on track. Cross will be working with Bay Cities National Bank to finish the bridge loan application, he is confident it will be approved. The process has been on hold for the construction loan because of the status of the charter, so POLAHS is starting that process again.

VI. Approval of Amended Bylaws ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

McOsker motions to accept the amended bylaws and Mckenna seconds.
PASSED 9-0

VII. Approval of School Calendar ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

Bradley motions to accept the school calendar and Swanson seconds.
PASSED 9-0

VIII. Approval of Bell Schedule ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

McOsker motions to accept the bell schedule and Jones seconds.
PASSED 9-0

XI. Resignation of Joe Viola ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

Swanson motions to accept the resignation of board member Joe Viola and Gatlin seconds.
PASSED 9-0

X. Addition of Al Fasani ACTION ITEM *Camilla Townsend*

Nelms motions to accept new board member Al Fasani and McCullough seconds.
PASSED 9-0

XI. No Public Comment

XII. Adjournment of Public Session at 5:50 PM. *Camilla Townsend*

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2008