

**NYOS Charter School
Governing Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Matt Lasater at 6:01 p.m. Members present included: Matt Lasater, Hassan Al-Tabatabaie, Ryan McDougal, Lisa Lamkin, Tammy Gomez, Melissa Wrinkle, and Kristi Heckman.

Guests included: Kathleen Zimmermann, Julie Atchley, Terry Berkenhoff, Sarah Waite, and Brian Blommel.

Matt Lasater presented the meeting's agenda, Tammy Gomez made a motion to strike item 1e, and 2b, and executive session Item 1. Lisa Lamkin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Governance and Development

The council discussed and moved the March meeting from 3/1/12 to 3/8/12. Training dates were established for 3/23/12 and 4/20/12.

The council discussed and appointed Kristi Heckman and Ryan McDougal to co-chair the election committee.

Kathleen Zimmermann updated the council on the AISD/Charter Compact Documents. The official announcement to the press will be made 1/23/12. The Gates Foundation will help fund the project.

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed the NYOS strategic planning efforts. NYOS won \$8500.00 to help assist branding and marketing for the school. Ideas for planning include:

- Surveying our demographics
- Adding or changing high school programs to focus more on college
- Recruiting a Director of Operations/Development
- College prep information to help advise and know what students and parents are looking for
- Career prep information from local corporations to determine what types of skills students need when they graduate (general or specific)

Committee Reports

Hassan Al-Tabatabaie stated that the school's accounting payable and receivables are current with \$7000.00 to be paid off. Current student count is 790 and 780 were budgeted for the 2011-2012 school year.

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the budget amendments for 2011-2012 operating report. After reviewing the changes, Ryan McDougal made a motion to accept changes made to the 2011-2012 operating budget. Tammy Gomez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathleen Zimmermann updated the council on recommendations from the auditors. Some of the changes included:

- Checking all human resource folder for signatures
- Generate purchase orders for all payments
- Amortization monthly on bonds

Ryan McDougal made motion to change the current policies to include recommendations. Lisa Lamkin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

School-wide Business

Terry Berkenhoff stated several activities going on in the elementary:

- Elementary is working on perfect attendance-quarterly recognition
- Student led conferences
- Family math night on 2/2/12
- Mr. Huff's senior homeroom will be working with the 4/5 students on service learning projects
- January open house at Kramer campus

Julie Atchley stated several activities going on in the secondary:

- PSAT meeting to review scores-Jenny Garza
- Senior sponsored blood drive
- Project Green has obtained mulch to spend at the Lamar Campus
- Winter dance planned for 1/27/12
- Basketball, bowling, running club, and soccer are all under way
- Working on benchmarks
- Inclusion Works training for several teachers
- We have 5 Korean students that are attending our middle school for 1 month
- 6th Grade field trip to History museum/ASL to deaf owned restaurant in Buda
- Sport Night 2/3/12 for fall sports
- MLK holiday-Holton's class is volunteering at the Day of Service

Kathleen Zimmermann announced that NYOS was on FOX7 news on 12/13/11. They contacted Kathleen due to AISD and their involvement with acquiring Charter Schools. Ryan McDougal's classroom was also filmed.

Other Business/Public Comment

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the council with a Statement of Impact for 5 Thoughts, Inc. in Central NE Austin. Ryan McDougal made a motion that 5 Thoughts, Inc. will not adversely impact NYOS to a significant degree. Lisa Lamkin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

September 8, 2011 and December 8, 2011 minutes were reviewed and corrected. Hassan Al-Tabatabaie made a motion to approve the minutes with stated corrections. Kristi Heckman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Matt Lasater adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bronwyn Sanderson