

**NYOS Charter School  
Governing Council Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Nick Giangliulo at 6:01 p.m. Members present include: Nick Giangliulo, Hassan Al-Tabatabaie, Bethany Watts, John Tintera, Kristi Heckman, Melissa Wrinkle, Tammy Gomez, Matt Lasater, and Kitty Mappus.

Guests included: Kathleen Zimmermann, Julie Atchley, Curtis Wilson, Terry Berkenhoff, and Sharon Churchin.

Nick Giangliulo presented the meeting's agenda. Matt Lasater made a motion to move item 2b to 1a1. Hassan Al-Tabatabaie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Governance and Development**

Board development presentation was presented by Sally Phillip's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. The presentation discussed the garden area at the Kramer campus. Once the food is produced, they are hoping to incorporate it into the NYOS lunch program.

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed the charter school activities through the TX Charter Schools Association.

- Training for teachers and staff
- Member Services- Kathleen Zimmermann chairperson
- Quality Framework
- Advocacy
  - Lift cap on number of charter schools in Texas
  - Facility funding
  - School vouchers

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed the charter school resolution regarding a lawsuit filed through the TX Charter Schools Association in the behalf of members. The law suit includes lifting the cap of the amount of charter schools allowed in Texas and facility funding. Matt Lasater made a motion for the council to sign and approve the board resolution. Hassan Al-Tabatabaie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed the charter school renewal process for NYOS. NYOS charter application is due in April 2013. TEA looks at NYOS policies prior to renewal. Kathleen discussed having the policies reviewed and updated if necessary. The board formed a committee to oversee the review process.

- John Tintera-Committee Chair
- Tammy Gomez
- Matt Lasater
- Kitty Mappus

Bob Stewart will also participate with the renewal of charter.

The council discussed required training for all Governing Council members. New members will need 8 hours and old members will need 6 hours. The date was set for December 3, 2012.

### **Committee Reports**

Susie O'Dell reported the current events involving the PVC.

- School-Paks made \$900.00
- Cookie Dough sales \$12,768.00
- Fall Fest will be 11/3/12 11:00-3:00
- Kramer Book fair will be held in December

Hassan Al-Tabatabaie updated the council for the finance committee. NYOS currently has 844 students and we budgeted for 846. The finances are up to date and in good standing.

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed the 2012-2013 budget amendments. After reviewing the proposed amendments, Tammy Gomez made a motion to accept changes made to the 2012-2013 operating budget. Matt Lasater seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **School-wide Business**

Terry Berkenhoff stated several activities going on in the elementary:

- Just finished student led conferences
- Just held parent involvement Title I meeting at Kramer campus including k-12 programs
- Currently analyzing student data to have students prepared for testing and the remainder of the year.
- October 15, 2012 Region XIII ESL Approach
- Love and Logic sessions will begin soon
- New counselor, Corinne Arles has started and working at both campuses

Curtis Wilson stated several activities going on in the secondary:

- October 17, 2012 PSAT for 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students
- EOC retakes are in December
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade is working on two live performances of "Thriller"
- November 6, 2012 Internet Safety Night

- 1<sup>st</sup> Home football game this week
- Teal'd Out Day for Ovarian Cancer awareness

Kathleen Zimmermann discussed NYOS' AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) standings. NYOS met the requirements of AYP. Only 28% of Texas schools meet the standards.

Kathleen Zimmermann updated the council on the facility planning. Offices will move from building D to the Kramer campus while they are renovating. We are currently finalizing plans for building D and working on adding 12 new parking spaces to the Lamar campus.

Julie Atchley updated the council on the strategic planning. Greenlights for Nonprofit Success is currently analyzing all of the information collected and will be presenting a report next council meeting.

NYOS hosted a tour at the Kramer campus for the Texas Sunset Commission last week.

Meeting with the principals included introducing Remind101.com to help teachers have instant communication with parents via text messaging.

August 14, 2012 minutes were reviewed. Matt Lasater made a motion to approve the minutes with stated corrections. Bethany Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nick Giangliulo adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bronwyn Sanderson