



ALMA D'ARTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Governance Council Minutes

Special Meeting, Friday, June 28, 2019 6:00 pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gene Elliott | Casilda Provencio | Carolyn Williams | Godfrey Crane | Stephen Aquino |

I. Introduction

- A. Call to Order – Chairman G. Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. Roll Call of Members -- All members are present except for C. Williams who is attending by phone from her travels.
- C. Approval of the Agenda – G. Crane moved that the agenda be approved as published.
Second by C. Provencio. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Approval of Minutes – Due to this being a special meeting, no minutes were offered for approval.
- E. Announcements – G. Elliott said there were no announcements but he would like to express appreciation for the large audience which is nice after many years of no outside attendance. He recognized receipt of grievances from two faculty members and to say that they will be handled at a later date.

II. Public Comment

An unidentified member of the audience rose to ask what the plans were going forward into the new year given challenges of the year just ended. G. Elliott responded that the Governance Council had not developed specifics but that the beginning of the new year would bring significant improvement. S. Aquino commented that the GC will be working on a strategic plan and establishment of advisory committees. Anyone who would like to help should make it known. A woman was concerned about the fact that school was about to begin and information about it has not been made public yet. G. Elliott assured her that it would be forthcoming in time to make decisions. She also stated that her son had been registered since April and no information about schedules, classes, etc., had been provided to the family. G. Elliott said that everything possible will be done to solve any lack of communication. Another woman expressed interest in what will happen to special education efforts since current staff has been changed. Dr. Schullo said the problems were being studied and will be solved. The future for all students will be secure.

III. Current Business

- A. PEC Notice of Breach -- G. Elliott stated that Alma had received a Notice of Breach from the Public Education Commission directing the school to make certain changes in the operation of Special Education programs and in English Language Learner programs. These issues have been part of the PEC's directive to prepare Corrective Action Plans for both areas. He introduced PEC chairwoman Patti Gipson was in attendance at the GC meeting and that she had urged the PEC to hire evaluators and mentors to help Alma identify and create solutions. He said that that effort had never been done before and he appreciated the help it would give Alma staff. Ms. Gipson outlined a tentative schedule for sending out requests for quotes and what that would mean as to when the service is actually provided. Sometime in late July should be when the service is provided in order to have a report to the PEC in time for their August 22 meeting.
- B. Report on Collective Bargaining Session – G. Elliott reviewed the process used to date which has resulted in a near complete agreement. He asked R. Padilla, chief negotiator for the faculty team to comment. R. Padilla said that the agreement is only a few minor details away from being done. As soon as the administration team meets to review what has already been approved by the faculty team and the two teams come together for a final version, the agreement will be brought to the GC for final approval.
- C. Student Recruitment Task Group -- Chairman Elliott reported that Ramon Padilla and Rowena St.Clair have volunteered to be faculty representatives in the group. In addition,

he asked G. Crane and C. Williams to serve and pointed out that two students and possibly parents would be needed. He identified Jo Galvan Nash as a potential community member for the group which would probably meet early the following week. The group would meet at the school one or two times per week through the beginning of school, and maybe longer.

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Elliott asked for anyone interested to sign-up. The first meeting needs to outline a clear schedule and the methods to be used, etc.

D. Survey Plans – Faculty, Students, Parents – S. Aquino outlined tentative plans to reach each group but that the discussion was in early stages.

E. Closed Executive Session – All non-GC members were asked to leave the room so the GC could meet in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

F. Return from Closed Executive Session – G. Crane moved and C. Provencio seconded a motion to return from Executive Session and resume the public meeting. All voted in favor. Non-GC members were invited to return to the meeting.

G. Principal/CAO 2019-2020 Contract – G. Elliott introduced the subject of contract renewal for Dr. Holly Schullo by asking if there was a motion to renew the contract. C. Provencio moved that Dr. Schullo's contract be renewed for the 2019-2020 year. Second was by C. Williams. There was no discussion, so Chairman Elliott asked for a roll call voice vote. Results were: Stephen Aquino - NO; Godfrey Crane - NO; Gene Elliott – NO; Casilda Provencio – NO; Carolyn Williams – NO. The vote was unanimous to NOT RENEW the contract with Dr. Schullo for the 2019-2020 school year. Her current contract will terminate on June 30, 2019.

IV. Past Business

A. Monthly Administrative Report – In light of the immediate previous action, no administrative report was requested or given.

B. Monthly Financial Report

1. Monthly Financial Statements – Finance Committee Chairman G. Crane reported that the committee met prior to the GC meeting and had a few questions answered by the business office staff. He said the Committee recommends acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report. S. Aquino moved acceptance of the report without qualification. Second by C. Williams. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

2. BAR's Approval – The business staff presented three Budget Adjustment Requests for approval: No's -- 1819-0042-I, 1819-0043-D; 1819-0044-I. G. Crane moved approval of the three BAR's. Motion was seconded by C. Provencio. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

3. Payroll and Accounts Payable Vouchers – These items were introduced. Business staff answered a couple of minor questions. Finance chairman G. Crane moved acceptance of these items. Second by C. Williams. Vote in favor was unanimous..

4. Business Staff Changes – G. Elliott wanted to make sure everyone knew of the changes being made in the business staff by K12 Accounting as the result of the resignation of Kate Shelton from the Alma business manager position and from employment by K12 Accounting. The new staff will be appointed shortly.

V. Future Business

A. Strategic Planning Committee Members – G. Elliott asked GC members to be thinking of individuals who could be an asset in our discussion and formulation of the Alma Strategic Plan. He said a goal could be completion of the plan this school year.

B. Parent Involvement -- He also asked members and non-members to begin thinking of ways parents could become involved in Alma in a more meaningful way.

VI. Next Meeting Agenda Items – None

VII. Adjournment

On a motion by G. Crane and second by C. Williams, G. Elliott adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Williams
Secretary