



MEETING OF THE BOARD
Bridges Preparatory Academy
Monday, April 17, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Bridges Preparatory Academy, a California nonprofit corporation was held in person on **Monday, April 17, 2023**, and via a public Zoom conference from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Present: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva
Others Present: Alejandro Gomez, John Thurman, Carlos Alvarez

CALL TO ORDER: David Own called the meeting to order at 10:48 AM. acknowledged all staff and board members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 17, 2023 – *The minutes were approved as presented.*

It was MOVED by Trena Spurlock and SECONDED by Bryan Lee to approve the minutes.

Yes vote: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED by Trena Spurlock and SECONDED by David Owen to approve today's agenda.

Yes vote: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Gomez read a short statement from Dr. Paul White who is interested in joining BPA's board. A vote will be taken at the board next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS (Board Member Comments)

None

COMMUNICATIONS (Public Comment)

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gomez gave the following update:

- School Counselor - BPA now has a full-time counselor, he started today- April 17, 2023.
- New Site – two facilities have been identified for BPA's future permanent site. The process of getting a new building ready can take up to 2 years.
- Enrollment – 128 students are currently enrolled; next year BPA will enroll an extra 15-20 6th graders (no applications will be accepted for 7 or 8th graders).
- Teachers – all teachers are returning the next school year.
- Field Trips: The following trips are planned for students:
 - College Field Trip – BPA students will be visiting CSUN on 4/18/23 - every year students will visit 4 different universities.
 - Disneyland – students will be taking a trip to Disneyland to participate in a leadership training program.
 - Camp Semi – in June BPA students will go Catalina Island.
 - San Juan Capistrano – in May students will take the Amtrack at Union Station to study native American history in San Juan Capistrano.
- NWEA – testing results will be shared next month – 90% of students demonstrated learning growth of 3% and some students experienced double-digit growth.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Mr. Thurman introduced the financials for February. BPA is financially healthy as indicated in the income statement and corresponding reports. Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 128 and was budgeted for 140 students, BPA is slightly under. The school's revenue is \$2.5 million with a \$394,000 surplus.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIALS FOR BRIDGES

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee to approve the monthly financials for February.

Yes vote: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva

APPROVAL OF LOS ANGELES INSTITUTE OF RIGHT-BRAIN PRACTICES & RESEARCH (LAIRP) CONTRACT

Carlos Alvarez, CEO of LAIRP provided an overview of the Los Angeles Institute of the Right-Brain Practices and Research. LAIRP will provide professional development to BPA's teachers to engage and promote positive student behavioral interventions. They also provide curricula for students, training to parents and mentoring for administrative leads.

This program will be complementing BPA's work as an MTSS site and will meet requirements set for the CCSPP grant.

Actual training topics are yet to be determined because LAIRP needs to conduct a needs assessment to customize the training. Total cost of the program is \$33,909. LAIRP has agreed to cover the cost of data collection using a program called Dean's List, which is a behavior tracking system.

It was MOVED by Trena Spurlock; SECONDED by Bryan Lee to approve the LAIRP contract.

Yes vote: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva

APPROVAL TO CONTRACT LACOE'S PBIS TRAINING

LACOE's approached BPA to participate in their Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program for the next two years. LAIRP will put the systems in place to track interventions and PBIS will provide actual consulting and student behavioral training services using a 3-tier system.

It was MOVED by Mary Louise Silva; SECONDED by Davide Owen to approve LACOE'S PBIS training.

Yes vote: Trena Spurlock, David Owen, Bryan Lee, and Mary Louise Silva

APPROVAL TO ADOPT POLICY FOR EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

It was MOVED by Trena Spurlock and SECONDED by Bryan Lee to table this agenda item because board members did not get the policy in time to review. All in favor. None opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Bryan Lee and SECONDED by David Owen to end the meeting at 12:10 PM. All in favor. None opposed.