

Garces Memorial High School Board of Directors

Meeting Call to order 5:28pm September 24th, 2018

Members present: Ms. Myka Peck, Mrs. Dianne Riley, Mrs. Ann Braun, Mrs. Melissa Alsop, Mr. Greg Petrini, Mrs. Jenny Waguespack, Mrs. Sylvia Sala, Mrs. Sarah Slayton- Price, Ms. Mona Faulkner, Mr. Blaine Geissel

Absent: Mr. Dan Klingenberger, Monsignor Perry

Opening prayer: Mrs. Dianne Riley

Mission statement: Ms. Myka Peck

Mr. Greg Petrini motions to approve Board minutes from August.

Mrs. Jenny Waguespack seconds the motion.

Motion approved.

Financial Report:

Balance Sheet

Cash is about \$116,472

Income Statement

Ended with a positive variance of about \$1,238

Administration-negative variance of \$2,902 due mostly to timing of invoices for the Principal Fund and various departments.

Instruction – positive variance of \$11,503 due to increased enrollment and lower health premiums for the new teachers than budgeted.

Athletics – positive variance of \$325

Plant - negative variance of \$10,314 due mostly to higher utilities cost (still waiting on PGE Solar Credit) and additional help for Sal.

Development – positive variance of \$17,616 due mostly to increased participants at the Hall of Honor and income received for the Gala and Golf Tournament which is from the prior year.

Capital Improvements – negative variance of \$14,990 due to purchasing 50 Ipads for teachers.

Bingo – has a YTD net loss of about \$5,429

Capital improvements for the month August total \$50,326

Security Communication System - \$23,173

Apple – 50 Ipads - \$26,616

Kern Machinery – Backpack blower - \$536

Items for Discussion

Leasing or Purchasing I pads \$312,629

Capital Improvements - \$61,201 left to spend

Waiting on Solar Credit – could take up to 2 billing cycles

Mrs. Ann Braun brought up the potential purchase of the I pads for the next fiscal school year, but the students would receive them in January of this school year. Mrs. Ann Braun talked about a new financial plan moving forward. The Technology fee for the next fiscal year would be \$550 so the students would own the iPad at the end of their four years. After the initial fee of \$550 the following years the technology fee would be \$250 to help with infrastructure needs. Mrs. Ann Braun also explained that we have a company that would buy back our old ones in January which would help the current fiscal year. Mr. Blaine Geissel explained that the seniors would want to buy their current iPad back. Mrs. Jenny Waguespack expressed concern that the seniors only have four months left and they should remain on the old I pad and being able to purchase them. Ms. Peck explained that she would check to see if our infrastructure could have two different types of I pads on the same system. Mrs. Melissa Alsop and Mr. Blaine Geissel suggested to work on the wording of the contract so the students know for four years their I pads are still managed by the school on a leaser and upon graduation the students would own them. Ms. Peck said she would work on the terminology for the next board meeting.

Mrs. Sylvia Sala Motions to approve financial report from August.

Mrs. Melissa Alsop seconds the motion.

Motion approved.

Principals report

Ms. Myka Peck asked if there were any questions on the leadership reports provided.

The following questions were asked:

Mrs. Sarah- Slayton asked to be updated with Bingo because there is a loss in the Bingo account after a month of re-opening. Mrs. Mona Faulkner explained that all money transactions need to go through the hands of the Garces employee, Mr. Cody Kekipi. The income of the fair Bingo was brought up. Mrs. Melissa Alsop volunteered to go see Bingo on Sunday and figure out all the procedures of Bingo. Mrs. Jenny Waguespack explained that a parent who has great knowledge of Bingo will be contacting Ms. Myka Peck.

Mrs. Ann Braun suggested that an article in the newsletter should include the busses, so all stakeholders understand where we are in the process with the use of the busses. Ms. Myka Peck agreed to include in her newsletter.

Mrs. Melissa Alsop brought up the income of aquatic center for the school year. Mrs. Ann Braun said the chemicals cost a considerable amount last year and we are much more in line with our budget for this school year. Ms. Myka Peck explained that the income does not cover the cost to run the aquatics center. So, any revenue will help offset that cost in the budget.

Mrs. Melissa Alsop thought it was wonderful that the counselors were pulling out the students that are struggling. Mrs. Melissa Alsop just wanted to be sure we aren't pulling them out of core classes. Ms. Myka Peck reassured them that this was not the case.

Mrs. Melissa Alsop when on to address that she heard an astronaut speak and what an incredible guest speaker he would be for our students. The cost for the speaker is 10,000. We began thinking of creative ways to fund the speaker. All board members will think about ways to find funding for this speaker and we will discuss at the next board meeting.

There were no other questions off of the leadership reports, so Ms. Myka Peck gave her Principal's report.

Ms. Myka Peck spoke about the success of the FFA program at the Kern County fair. All board members were pleased with the sudden success of our FFA program and were excited about the new program and hard work by Mrs. Rossi. Student, Ms. Catherine Bayne, was the 2018 Kern County Fair Grand Champion Lamb.

Ms. Myka Peck asked Mr. Blaine Geissel to speak about the recent robotics competition because he attended. Mr. Blaine Geissel explained it was incredible how well the students did with only having two weeks to prepare their robots. Mr. Blaine Geissel explained that our robot was the only robot that could actually throw a ball. Mr. Blaine Geissel explained that at one point we were in second place but ended the tournament in 8 and 12 out of 29 teams.

Ms. Myka Peck reminded the board of our three pathway programs. The Bio-medical track which Dr. Robert Waguespack was our first guest speaker. The Agribusiness track and the engineering track are all very successful programs at Garces Memorial and help with recruiting students.

Ms. Myka Peck explained the service projects that are taking place during enrichment period are very successful. This past Saturday Mr. Nathan Holmes had students out cleaning and painting the G by the tennis courts. His next step is to plant flowers and added crosses to the hill. Mrs. Ann Braun said she was at a tennis tournament at Garces on Saturday and other schools were talking about how impressive it was to see students giving back to their school on a weekend.

Ms. Myka Peck spoke about the success of the Parish of the Month program we started this year. We just concluded St. Francis Month and Monsignor Craig has been very present and the students have enjoyed having Monsignor on Campus.

Ms. Myka Peck explained that she is now in charge of the Deanery which means she will have meetings with OLPH, OLG, St. Francis, and Ridgecrest to work on the collaboration amongst the schools. We have already had one deanery meeting. All teachers meet on Garces campus and the Junior High teachers meet with our teachers to see where we overlap and curriculum and most importantly to work on collaborations amongst all the schools. Also, the junior high students at OLPH, OLG, and St. Francis will be attending our first guest speaker on Wednesday. Garces will then transport the students back to their campus.

New Business:

Ms. Myka Peck explained that each board member had been assigned to areas of the strategic plan that fits the strengths of each board member. Ms. Myka Peck explained that the next step is to schedule a

meeting with her so Ms. Myka Peck can explain the direction the school is wanting to pursue. Mrs. Dianne Riley suggest the meetings should take place in the next two weeks. This way we can have a report for the October meeting because if we wait another month it will already be November.

Ms. Myka Peck explained that if the Board members are present at the meetings they will give an oral report and if they are absent they will do a written report like her leadership team provides.

Ms. Mona Faulkner expressed the only concern she had with the strategic plan is that there isn't any succession planning. Ms. Mona Faulkner explained that it is hard to replace administrative positions and that as we begin to hire we should ask who might be interested in the future so we can provide professional development for those individuals.

Ms. Mona Faulkner closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Next meeting is October 22nd, 2018 in Ms. Peck's office at 5:30pm.