

EL CAMINO REAL ACADEMY
GOVERNING COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2011 12:00PM

AT THE SCHOOL IN THE SECONDARY LIBRARY

MINUTES

- I. Preliminary Business
 - A. Call to Order
12:11 p.m.
 - B. Roll Call
Governing Council Members: Marie Privett, Jim Nettle, Tommy Collins, Darva Chino (on phone from 12:39-12:56)
Staff: Paym Greene, Ryan Homistek, Mary Scofield, Denise Brown
 - C. Approval of Agenda
Tommy Collins motioned to approve the agenda for December 6, 2011. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Board members unanimously approved.
 - D. Approval of Minutes
None
 - F. Principal Report
Paym Greene reported on the status of enrollment, attendance, NWEA scores, Highlights of 2011-2012 (including test scores), Bully Prevention Program, and the SIG budget sheet.
 - G. Elementary Principal Report
Covered in the Principal Report
 - H. Business Manager Report
Mary Scofield waived report

- 2 Public Comment
None

3. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Update from Diego Gallegos on SIG grant and Charter renewal application (Discussion)

Diego Gallegos informed the board that they are awaiting a letter from PED/Hanna Skandera that will officially suspend SIG funding for ECRA. Existing contracts will be funded but nothing new will be approved; however the Bullying Prevention Program will be supported.

APS will not recommend ECRA for charter renewal at the next APS Board Meeting. Five out of six charter schools will be recommended for renewal. One school will receive a one year renewal and the others will receive three year renewals. Schools by statute will not be authorized if they are not in a public building by 2015.

ECRA will not be recommended due to SBA scores not meeting the 10% gain as required by the MOU and as stated previously will not be supported if the SIG grant is not in effect.

APS has a closing plan for ECRA.

ECRA can go before the APS Board at the upcoming meeting during public comment to present options. ECRA has the right to appeal the nonrenewal decision when it is made final. The Board generally votes according the recommendations of the Charter School Office. An appeal would be costly and most likely a waste of time because the person we would appeal to (Hannah Skandera) is the same person that pulled the SIG funding from the school.

B. Approval of Interim Principal contract (Action)

Tommy Collins motioned to approve the Interim Principal contract. Jim Nettle seconded the motion. Board members unanimously approved.

4. Concluding Business

I. Discussion of other business and issues

None

II. Announcements

None

III. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on December 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.