

NEW Academy
Town Hall and Board Business Meeting
Agenda

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 3:30 PM PDT (Business Meeting to Follow)

Public Comment Notice:

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NASA: 379 Loma Drive

Los Angeles, CA 90017

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NACP: 21425 Cohasset Street

Canoga Park, CA 91303

818.710.2640

Agenda Items Purpose Presenter

a. Opening Items

b. Record Attendance & Guest

Board Members:

Victor Gil, President

Martha Arias, Vice President

Brent Bradley, Treasurer

Bea Stotzer, Member

Patricia DiDonato, Secretary

Judy Davidd Wright, Member

Beth Tishler, Member

Mary V. Rosas, Member

School Administration and Staff:

NACP

Dr. Eric Todd, Principal

Heather De Revere, Assistant Principal

Patricia McBride, School Business Manager

Navelle Molina, ELD Coordinator

Vanessa Garcia, Parent Liaison

Jimena Barrera

NASA

David Martinez, Principal

Nelsy Jackson, Assistant Principal

Angelica Chavez, ELD Coordinator

Ana Chavez, Parent Liaison

Anthony Bates, Teacher

Wendy Garcia, Teacher

Ms. Espinoza, Teacher

Karla Chavez

Ester de Leon, Parent

Guests:

Alma Marquez, Del Sol, Inc.

c. Call the Meeting to Order

d. Public Comment

V. Gil

e. Consent Calendar:

1. Approve: Emergency Declaration Renewal of AB361 Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e). Vote V. Gil

Motion made by B. Bradley to continue the emergency declaration so that we may continue holding board meetings remotely.

Seconded by: M. Arias

Roll Call:

V Gil, B. Bradley, M. Arias, P. DiDonato, J. D. Wright, B. Tishler. All Ayes

The motion passes.

f. Governance:

Introduction of New Board Members. Discuss B. Stotzer.

- Beth Tishler
- Mary V. Rosas
- Judy Davidd-Wright

Board members and administrative staff made comments to welcome the three new board members. The charter requirement LAUSD is that we have an active interested and informed board.

We have been blessed with principals who are up to their tasks which are voluminous; much is administrative, and the board helps to support that.

The new board members provided a brief background and look forward to serving as members.

Town Hall portion of the meeting included the following topics:

- The principals indicated that they are collaborating well with their teachers, parent liaisons and indicated that their students are thriving. They are working to mitigate the learning loss due to covid and remote learning, this continues to be a focus. The staff and students are excited to be back on campus.
- Alma Marquez of Del Sol, Inc., shared a video highlighting NACP which is being edited and to be in both English and Spanish to be posted on NACP's website. Will do a push on social media and use for the student recruitment and to tell the story, especially about the dual immersion program, and how the schools have made a difference in the students' education and in the families' lives. A similar video will be pursued for NASA.
- **Teacher concerns/comments:**
- The teachers indicated that they would like more notice of the board and town hall meetings to allow for more attendance by the staff. These will be prominently posted in advance.
- They thanked the board for sharing and maintaining open and respectful communications to allow teachers to mention concerns.
- COVID –
 - Would like for the schools to follow the CDC guidelines more closely.
 - Confusion about when and where to wear masks due to constant changes.
 - School decided to keep the masks in place other than when the kids are playing outside.
 - If a student gets sick it may spread and it is difficult to get teacher replacements/substitutes.
 - COVID illnesses caused the Winter Break to shut down for a few days.
 - Must consider multi generations, the families at home, the children that we take care of, the teachers and IAs.
 - The goal is to keep everyone safe and to keep the schools open.
 - There have been no cases since January.
 - Currently both schools use the masking and the plastic barriers in place. Masks do not need to be worn outdoors.
 - The schools still require for the testing to take place for the students and staff. We do ask for a negative test for any outside person who services our students including IEP contractors. That same policy applies to the after-school program. The school follows both CDC and LAUSD guidelines.
 - Covid is constantly changing and fluid, due to the various things that arise when changes happen.
 - We do not know what the latest covid string will bring.
 - Will continue to revisit to ensure highest protection to the students and staff.

- Testing will continue. Teachers asked why is testing still ongoing if most staff are fully vaccinated and boosted, since this is inconvenient, also, cost is an issue since no longer covered by the government. Staff will need to use their health insurance.
- It was suggested that the principals should meet, include the parents and staff, and reach a consensus and then produce a plan going forward.
- Reluctance by teachers to speak out, usually it is the same teachers who do so. Hear that the messages are coming from the board, but do not attend to inquire about policies and procedures. Would like to have better board and teacher communication. It was reiterated that the staff is always welcome to the board meetings which shall be prominently posted in advance, and there should be no concern in voicing issues. The board prefers to hear about these early on to help in the resolution process. Some board members provided their emails and indicated they are available. Will consider adding a section to the agenda for future meetings to hear from the teachers about their issues, concerns and to promote engagement.
- Recommend doing climate surveys to get a pulse on the teacher/staff and how they view the status of the schools.
- A teacher commented that this year there is no tension unlike prior years where they felt that they were not allowed to attend the board meetings. There is more transparency and shout outs for accomplishments. The administrative change has had a positive effect on the school. The teachers want to be able to talk about the school which is their community and not have any fear about potential repercussions. They hope to have the open dialogue that led to creative and positive changes.
- The board members all encouraged them to speak up and share concerns early on so that we may assist with any challenges faces in each school.

g. Adjourn Vote V. Gil

Victor adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.