

Resolutions I & II for the Board

I. APPROVE MINUTES

Background

The Partnership held a Board meeting on December 8, 2010. The minutes for this meeting need to be approved.

Resolution language

WHEREAS, the Directors held a meeting on December 8, 2010;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors on December 8, 2010 are approved.

II. APPROVE PROCESS TO RECRUIT PARTNERSHIP PARENT BOARD MEMBER

Background

The Partnership Board is committed to expanding its Board with stakeholders who are representative of the Partnership communities. The Board has previously passed a resolution calling for Board representation from a teacher, parent, business representative, and community member/advocate. The Partnership Board has already selected two teachers to serve on its Board. Partnership staff is committed to adding other members to its Board and believe that the next seat should be filled by a parent of a Partnership student.

The resolution and language in attachment “C. III: Parent Recruit” below represent the Partnership’s proposed process to select a parent as a Board member.

Resolution language

WHEREAS, the Directors have agreed that a parent from the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools should sit on the Board of Directors of the Partnership;

WHEREAS, the Directors believe that a parent will bring an important perspective to the Board of Directors that will help the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools accelerate student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has developed a process to identify the most qualified candidates from which the Board of Directors can choose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors agree to the process for electing a parent onto the Board of Directors proposed by management and attached hereto;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Directors seek to have a parent elected to the Board of Directors at the June Board meeting of the Partnership.

Resolution III for the Board

III. APPROVE PARTNERSHIP 2011-12 AND 2012-13 GROWTH PLANS

Background

The Partnership staff recommends expanding in the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years based on the organization's mission to serve as many students as effectively as possible. This opportunity is afforded through processes facilitated by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), including the "School Choice Resolution" and a special request from the LAUSD Superintendent's Office to serve the Jordan High School community.

Based on an analysis of our current capabilities and the available schools on the School Choice list, the Partnership staff recommends:

- Expanding to serve Jordan High School starting in the 2011-12 school year
- Submitting two letters of intent to serve Clinton Middle School and 107th Street Elementary School starting in the 2012-13 school year

The Jordan transformation project will involve the Partnership serving 1 small high school (approximately 550 students) and 2 other charter school operators each managing 1 small high school. The 3 schools will be co-located on the Jordan High School campus.

The letters of intent as part of the School Choice Resolution process are due on March 1, 2011, and the final applications are due on October 14, 2011. The Partnership staff will return to the Board before the final applications are submitted to gain final approval for the growth of the schools as part of the School Choice Resolution process.

Additional information regarding the rationale for this decision is provided in the attached PowerPoint slides that accompany this resolution.

Resolution language

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has asked the Partnership to participate in an innovative transformation project for Jordan High School;

WHEREAS, LAUSD is requesting that school providers submit applications to serve new and "focus" schools in LAUSD as part of the School Choice Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Partnership would like to submit two Letters of Intent for Clinton Middle School and 107 Street Elementary School before March 1, 2011 as part of the School Choice Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Partnership currently plans to submit full applications for both School Choice schools to the LAUSD before the deadline of October 14, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Partnership plans to work with the stakeholders of Clinton MS, 107th ES and Jordan HS over the coming months to develop a collaboration to improve student achievement;

WHEREAS, the Partnership plans to collaborate with other organizations that are committed to serving Clinton MS, 107th ES and Jordan HS; and

WHEREAS, the Directors recognize the Partnership's goal to effectively serve as many students as possible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to proceed with serving and supporting Jordan High School beginning in the 2011-12 school year and to sign all necessary documents to proceed with establishing the structure of the collaboration with LAUSD and the charter school operators;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit letters of intent to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) as part of the "School Choice Resolution" to serve and support the following two schools beginning in the 2012-13 school year:

- Clinton Middle School
- 107th Street Elementary School

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board of Directors request that the Chief Executive Officer return to the Board before October 14, 2011 to secure authorization to submit full applications for the following schools:

- Clinton Middle School
- 107th Street Elementary School