

S. Chou explains that there is no penalty; there is always an adjustment with State funding on a monthly basis as the budget projection is more of an anticipation and we will only receive funding for our actual ADA.

G. Morris notes that typically, projections are based on prior years; for the 20-21 school year, the projections will reflect at 135 ADA for GEA 2 and 240/290 ADA for GEA. The 290 ADA for GEA would be an addition of 2 classrooms for 6th grade. For GEA 2, we are looking at numbers based on what we are working with now.

M. Wong- asks if there will be a 7th grade expansion.

S. Chou states that it is a 50-student projection for 6th grade classes with 25 per class only.

M. Thomas- asks about projection for upper grades at GEA 2.

S. Chou explains that we are currently rolling up to 4th grade and we do not have enough space at Arlington for upper grades as we are trying to do 2 classrooms per grade level.

M. Wong points out that the costs of staff would increase and if we have a lower enrollment, it would not work.

S. Chou mentions that it is a discussion that the Board will have to address later.

S. Chou- asks to check with EdTec on the approved budget for GEA 2 on the EPA Entitlement as the difference from the approved budget to the Oct forecast is high. She also informs that Title III funding is housed at GEA but is shared with both schools as a consortium

S. Chou makes note that private donations are applied to by schools. GEA 2 has applied for it previous years, suggests to **P. Doorbar** to apply; Private donors may designate what the funding is used for.

Y. Barrera explains that we have an internal tracker on how and what that money is spent on.

S. Chou clarifies that the Board has to approve the expenditures.

M. Wong- notes that our projections are close for GEA and that GEA 2 needs to be adjusted so that we are closer to a more accurate projection contingent on ADA. She notes that GEA 2 might have to raise ADA from 93% to more accurate percentages.

S. Chou goes over all the staff changes at GEA 2 and how that has been reflected in the budgets.

G. Morris mentions that LAUSD suggests we use 87%, **S. Chou** states that they want us to raise our ADA.

5. Brown Act Training Review (9:45 AM)

S. Chou- clarifies that it is not a training, retitled to be “review”; **S. Chou** reviews the handout provided by YMC and clarifies that Brown Act is about open, public meetings for public entities, even within the committees.

S. Johnson comments that the review is very enlightening as a new Board Member.

S. Chou notifies the Board that starting January 2020, we will have to also host at GEA 2 (via Zoom)

G. Morris notes that due to the Prop 39 regulations, we will have to arrange extended hours availability.

6. Facilities Update/Overallocation Update (10:15 AM)

L. Lee states that she is still looking for locations to expand now that our material revision is complete. GEA applied for prop 39 as a backup option. **L. Lee** does not want to rush into a decision and is prioritizing our current school standing. She spoke with parents and they agree that the current school is priority, although they would like to expand. **L. Lee** is still waiting to hear back from the church. **L. Lee** talks on the concerns on Prop 39 application and mentions that it would be a matter of trying it out.

S. Chou presents updates on over allocation for GEA 2 and GEA MS. Still working with lawyers to come to an agreement.

7. Oversight Debrief (11:15 AM)

P. Doorbar shares her impression on her first Oversight Visit at GEA 2; GEA 2 received good feedback on the Compliance Binders. **P. Doorbar** states that it was insightful as to what to prepare for next year.

S. Chou mentions that they touched on GEC this year, which is unrelated to either schools but was brought up as a “best-practice” recommendation. Fiscal Oversight representative had a lot more questions regarding separation of duties at GEC, the CMO. This is the first time this item was addressed.

M. Wong states it should be taken as a check-up opportunity on an administrative level, but not so much on how the school is being ran. She also commends the child ambassador program in the 5th grade classroom at GEA 2.

L. Lee shares her experience at GEA and notes that the LAUSD representatives were new to the school; they gave GEA positive feedback on academics and on classroom visits. Regarding operations, GEA received a 1 due to staff not completing their trainings on time. **L. Lee** notes that we have an opportunity to address this easy fix and will be more prepared for next year.

Y. Barrera comments that it was difficult having to manage both schools and that it was a huge learning experience for her.

G. Morris comments that the visit was very thorough and a lot of detail was demanded with regards to transparency of fiscal policy.

8. Retreat Reflections (11:50 AM)

S. Johnson states that it was great opportunity to come together and address the needs of our students and make sure we are reaching our academic goals/making academic improvements. He thanks **Y. Barrera** for all her hard work between both schools on top of her day-to-day tasks.

S. Chou notes that the addition of new staff added to the multiple tasks that had to be addressed; she hopes that moving forward with everyone being more adjusted, things can run more smoothly.

P. Doorbar and S. Johnson compare GEA 2's feedback experience with WASC and how that compered to GEA 2 Oversight visit. **S. Johnson** suggests for preparation to be carried out as if it were to be a WASC preparation; **S. Chou** mentions that the lack of academic feedback for GEA 2 could have been due to the representatives not having a background or intimate knowledge of the school/staff as in prior years.

M. Wong comments that we will be more prepared for next year.

9. Adjournment: M. Wong adjourns the meeting at 11:57AM

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