GOVERNANCE MEETING MINUTES
Los Angeles Unified School District
Verdugo Hills High School
Tuesday February 6, 2018

Present: Lisa Cheby, Tamiko Revel, Nancy Meraz, Carlos Santoyo, Nicole Vermolen, Angel Espindola, Scott Kemple, Arturo Barcenas, Everardo Silva, Kurt Berg, Aaron Peterson
Excused: Tom Vermolen, Heriberto Marquez

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER
a) Aaron Peterson welcomed the council.
b) The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm by Aaron.

II) FLAG SALUTE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Angel Espindola.

III) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting approved.

IV) PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comments

V) PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
- Memorial for student that passed in Parents Center. We need to be available to our students. This has been a tough semester. Hoping to finish the winter semester on a positive note.
- ACA/DECA did great.
- Cyber Patriots to semi-finals in Santa Monica February 10.
- Report A/B period: only 22 over all grade levels failed with 3 grades or more.
- District giving an additional $5,000 for credit recovery classes.
- CST 11/12th grade pilot test for science. Next year only 12th grade as part of Standardized Testing. Focus needs to be on getting our students ready and prepared for upcoming tests (PSAT, SAT, AP etc).
- Spring semester packed with student activities: School Dance 90s Throwback (February 24), Blood Drive (February 13), Prom... Leadership is doing very well! Musical this year is “Grease” (came with a hefty licensing fee).
- Cheer competition will also be part of spring sports (great job Ms. Meraz!).
- Teacher Appreciation week May 7-11, 2018.

VI) OLD BUSINESS

VII) NEW BUSINESS
Department budget approval; Ms. Meraz is proposing to move forward with the 2018 budget that is based on last year’s numbers. After discussion, questions came up about the current proposed amounts. Amounts did not change but department needs have changed. It was decided to not approve the budget as it was not
discussed in the budget committee. Update of the 2018 numbers requested. Decision next Governance Council meeting.

**Staffing** – Hiring new AP. Governance is proposing a hiring committee of 8 (+1 district representative). Aaron to email teachers to ask teacher body who to represent them.

Motion on the table is to establish an 8 person (+1) hiring committee. Consisting of: parent, student, clerical, admin, and 4 teachers (representing VAPA, STEM and Residential). **Voted on and unanimously approved.**

**LOOC Workshop** - Mr. Barcenas and Peterson will attend the workshop.

**VIII) ACTION ITEMS**

**IX) COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Governance** (Aaron Peterson) – Connect with Mr. Lee for student representative for hiring committee.

**Budget** – See previous

**Calendar** – dates will be added for testing.

**C & A** – No new business

**A & D** – Assembly went really well. Good feedback

**PD** – Meeting to finalize calendar for the remainder of the year.

**Technology** - Managing of Chrome Book carts going well. Mr. van Baal is helping out a lot behind the scenes making sure everything is working as it should. Make sure to log-in use to see which department is using it most frequently.

**X) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday February 15 visit of the Union President.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51PM
These minutes were submitted by Nicole Vermolen, secretary, and will be posted on the school website after approval at the next meeting after distribution to every Governance Council member.

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