BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Thursday, 1/19/17, 7:00 PM  
6842 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91405

CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.

ROLL CALL  
Present: Mr. Paul DeBonis, Ms. Kerry Edelstein, Mr. Zohar Loshitzer, Mr. Peter Miller, Mr. Rob Pait, Ms Holly Han, Ms. Shelley Weinstein, Mr. Osvaldo Jimenez  
Absent: Mr. Dennis Fried  
Present (Arrived at 7:32p/Departed at 9:36p): Mr. Steven Tolbert

ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
ACTION ITEM  
Zohar Loshitzer moved to adopt the agenda for this meeting. Paul Debonis seconded the motion.

• Ay: Mr. Paul DeBonis, Ms. Kerry Edelstein, Mr. Zohar Loshitzer, Mr. Peter Miller, Mr. Rob Pait, Ms Holly Han, Ms. Shelley Weinstein, Mr. Osvaldo Jimenez  
• Nay: None  
• Abstained: None  
• The motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 12th minutes  
ACTION ITEM  
Zohar Loshitzer moved to approve the Dec 12th 2016 meeting minutes, Paul Debonis seconded this motion.

• Ay: Mr. Paul DeBonis, Ms. Kerry Edelstein, Mr. Zohar Loshitzer, Mr. Peter Miller, Mr. Rob Pait, Ms Holly Han, Ms. Shelley Weinstein, Mr. Osvaldo Jimenez  
• Nay: None  
• Abstained: None  
• The December 12th 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12-23-16  
ACTION ITEM  
Rob Pait moved to adopt the 12-23-16 special meeting minutes, Osvaldo Jimenez seconded the motion.

• Ay: Mr. Paul DeBonis, Ms. Kerry Edelstein, Mr. Zohar Loshitzer, Mr. Peter Miller, Mr. Rob Pait, Ms. Holly Han, Ms. Shelley Weinstein, Mr. Osvaldo Jimenez  
• Nay: None  
• Abstained: Ms. Kerry Edelstein (was not present at the 12/23 meeting)  
• The Dec 23rd 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
CHAMPS needs form 700 copies signed by end of meeting; they must be signed by board members in blue pen.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
Kurt Green will be introduced later in the meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Holly Han announced that we reached 100% participation on board donations!
• Brian Banducci announced that we won another volleyball championship
• The board was notified of news reports that Mayor Riordan is committing $1MM to trying to unseat Steve Zimmer

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No comments were made.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
Steven Wasserman gave the following update:

• CHAMPS fashion show is tomorrow, serving as an advertisement for winter formal (next Saturday)
  o Students and faculty dressing up
• Next Wed – Krispy Kreme fundraiser to cover supplemental cost for winter formal
• Winter formal tickets are $50, tomorrow and next Wednesday they’ll be $45.
• Talent show Feb 24th, auditions the first week of February. Everybody typically gets in, more screening for appropriateness.
  o Students and faculty can both perform. At Van Nuys Rec center.
• Voting Season for student council in May
• Planning an underclassmen event, date TBD, e.g. ice cream social.

OLD BUSINESS
None

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Linda Pierce presented the school’s learning model:

• 21st century – preparation to be “knowledge workers” not factory workers
• Elements of this model:
  o Outcome-based, research driven, active learning, student centered learning, integrated curriculum, multiple forms of access, multimedia, collaboration, higher order thinking
• Math teacher Eunice Lee was awarded California Teacher of the Year by the CA Council of Economics Education. She teaches a math class for junior-seniors, focused on financial applications. They do things like visit banks, apply for loans, and calculate different financial outcomes to have discussions like “Is loan debt worth it? Is credit card debt worth it?” Next semester will get into the math around employment and retirement.

Steve Tolbert arrived at 7:32p.
• Linda presented the grades and D/F lists. We saw a strong improvement after the 15 week mark – students cracked down at the end of the semester and roughly 1/3 came off the D/F list between weeks 15 and 20.
• SPED update – we’re moving to Option 3, application is due in February. Then we’ll have a site visit, we’ll know if we’re accepted in May and then can decide if we want to accept. (Option 3 requires self-administration & funding but typically saves a school money.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Presented by Chris Bright
• Facilities
  o We have a new landlord, and so far they’re wonderful and more collaborative. They are very responsive to maintenance issues, HVAC, etc.
  o Doors have been replaced on the bottom floor by performing arts.
  o Peter Miller asked if we’ve been having any issues with flooding through the doors with all the rain. Chris reported that so far we’ve had no issues this year.
  o There’s a group leasing upstairs, which doesn’t impact us. This will be covered in closed session as part of our facilities discussion.
• Compliance monitoring – this is an LAUSD checklist that has to do with teacher credentialing, background checks, lottery enrollment, emergency procedures, etc. One item still open now, item 17. Otherwise this is ready to submit. Shelley Weinstein and Paul Debonis will review and submit any comments to Peter Miller and Chris Bright. No other action/vote was taken.
• Strategic plan – Dave Whelan gave an update
  o We’re planning to have a goal setting session with a group of CHAMPS stakeholders in January/Feb to finalize goals
  o Final inputs will be integrated after that session and integrated into a third revision
  o Kerry Edelstein noted that the board is not being as collaborative as we could be, and that we need to make it a priority to review our assigned sections.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Gordon Engstrom of ExEd presented financial and enrollment data:
• Enrollment is now at 776 (original budget of 805). Chris Bright explained that part of this decline is taking action with students who are chronically truant, and they are no longer enrolled. We also have a more proactive and aggressive stance on drug and alcohol. We’ve removed students for drug use and drug dealing more proactively and have been able to identify some of the students at the center of drug use. We have drug dogs about monthly, only security is made aware in advance, and we’ve identified police officers who have been collaborative in enforcement.
• We don’t know yet what our final tally is in 2nd semester new enrollees.
• Peter Miller requested that when these reports are given and enrollment declines, Chris Bright and the finance committee should proactively report any expulsions, so that we know the impact of that upfront.
• Gordon Engstrom reported that projected net income of $270K is a little bit below initial projection. But projected cash balance is higher than projected.
• Form 990 has been handed out to board members. This is just a FYI, there is no action item. Peter Miller and Kerry Edelstein noted that on page 7, Rob Pait needs to be earmarked as a officer/Vice President.

Selection of Board Treasurer - Kerry Edelstein asked the finance committee to review our alternatives and make a recommendation at the February meeting.
CMO WORKGROUP

Holly is meeting with the Anderson group tomorrow.

ACADEMIC WORKGROUP

Paul DeBonis noted that this update was made during the Principal’s report

BOARD MEMBER AD-HOC SEARCH COMMITTEE

Rob Pait introduced Kurt Green, current CHAMPS parent and the search committee’s recommendation for our next board member.

Kurt introduced himself and talked about how much CHAMPS has transformed his son’s life. The board had a chance to ask Kurt questions about his interest and involvement. Kerry Edelstein and Rob Pait also reported to the board the positive feedback received from Kurt’s references.

ACTION ITEM

Rob Pait motioned to nominate Kurt Green as the next member of the CHAMPS Board of Directors, beginning at our February 23rd meeting. Zohar Loshitzer seconded this motion. All Ay’s in favor (including Steve), no abstentions.

- Ay: Mr. Paul DeBonis, Ms. Kerry Edelstein, Mr. Zohar Loshitzer, Mr. Peter Miller, Mr. Rob Pait, Ms Holly Han, Ms. Shelley Weinstein, Mr. Osvaldo Jimenez, Mr. Steven Tolbert
- Nay: None
- Abstained: None
- The motion to nominate Kurt Green was approved. Kurt was presented and accepted his nomination, and will be joining the Board of Directors at the February 23rd meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Zohar Loshitzer suggested we setup a committee calendar for each committee. He suggested a general schedule and a subcommittee schedule.

Peter Miller suggested we plan for six months the way the board does.

Kerry Edelstein suggested that each workgroup and committee plan its second semester calendar in their next meeting and report back to the board what that schedule is for the rest of the semester. Kerry will record that in the minutes and send that out to the board.

CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 9:18 to discuss Real Estate Matters pursuant to Govt. Code 54956.8
Steve Tolbert departed at 9:36p.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 9:45. The board decided in closed session that Chris Bright will do an analysis of different facilities scenarios and report back to the board.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 9:46p.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Edelstein, Board Secretary
Peter Miller, President