

El Sol Science & Arts Academy  
1002 N. Broadway Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-3408

MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education

April 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:42 p.m. by Board Secretary Sigala. Other members in attendance were Mrs. Ollendorff and Dr. Morante.

CLOSED SESSION PRESENTATIONS: N/A

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: N/A

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report on the El Sol Foundation

Mrs. Daviss stated that the dinner, the 2017 Spring Celebration, is just a few weeks away. Based on the current pledges and expected expenditures El Sol is at about 100K net. She said that the goal was 100K, which equals to what El Sol asks for the preschool program. She emphasized that Mrs. Sigala is the co-chair. Mrs. Sigala mentioned that in addition to her co-chair duties, she is in charge of the flower arrangement for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. She said that they are working on 336 small tissue paper flowers, 210 of the large flowers and 886 of the medium flowers. She stated that there are 12 parent volunteers helping with the flower arrangements, including herself and Elsie, the PTO president. She said that they will do all the flowers next week. Last, she mentioned that Paul Fenner will provide the vases. They will meet afterschool next week to finish all the arrangements.

Facilities update:

Mrs. Daviss said that on the 24<sup>th</sup> the State Allocation Board will approve the apportionment of \$22,522,377.40. She said that El Sol has gone out to bids and that the school is getting questions from contractors. She also mentioned that since it is public bidding, El Sol works very closely with an attorney who does public bidding processes. Mrs. Daviss stated that the contract is already developed inside the bid attachments. She said that once the school gets the bids in, she will return to the Board so that they review the contract. Mrs. Daviss mentioned that right now the school has First Addendum to the project. It is a multipurpose center. If the cost is high the school can pull the multipurpose center out,

move forward and do the multipurpose later. She emphasized that they would have to make some decisions. She said that if the cost is reasonable, and then the school keeps moving forward with the entire project.

Mrs. Daviss recalled that El Sol has to have 70% of the project contracted in order to request the funds. She said that once El Sol has the GC, then it can do something called the 5005. Mrs. Daviss explained that that is the form that goes to the Office of Public School Construction. She stated that the General Contractor is going to get the full project cost and he is responsible for getting the subs at what he thinks is a reasonable price. She said that El Sol will send that off to the state and then they will cut a check. Mrs. Daviss corrected and said that after the bids but before submitting the 5005 El Sol will go back to Mike Keeley, who represents the NMTC lenders and get him to sign off on that fact that El Sol is taking the project. She mentioned that Mr. Keeley is aware of where El Sol is in the process. She mentioned that he is prepared for that. Mrs. Daviss said that something that Mr. Keeley wanted to see El Sol do was having a successful capital campaign. She highlighted that as of last Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, El Sol raised more than \$3M. She said that El Sol received 300K from Weingart as the capping amount. Mrs. Daviss stated that Mr. Keely seemed very content. She said that once he says okay on behalf of the lenders, then El Sol will go to the state.

Mrs. Daviss said that, simultaneously, El Sol is preparing an Interim Plan and that May and June are crucial months. She said that after having difficulties finding interim housing, El Sol found a location in Santa Ana, close to the campus. Mrs. Daviss mentioned that it is a church in Floral Park that has more than six classrooms that they do not use. The classrooms will be occupied by Preschool, TK, Kindergarten and first grade students. She continued and mentioned that then the Middle School students would go to the Elementary side. Mrs. Daviss emphasized that the Elementary campus will be split into two so that older and younger students do not cross. She pointed out the house located at 1008 N. Broadway will be very useful to release pressure. She also stated that the church has buses and that Floral Park is a good location and has plenty of parking. Mrs. Daviss mentioned that the classrooms have not been fully renovated yet. She said that students will be dropped off at the 1010 N. Broadway address and a bus will take them to the new location, which is only seven minutes away. Mrs. Daviss highlighted that construction will take from 1 year and a half to two years. She said that if they finish quickly, we will move the Middle School back and start construction on the Elementary side. Mrs. Daviss said that the most it would take for construction would be two years. She said that the school has not yet had a meeting with the parents. She emphasized that once El Sol has signed an agreement then they will proceed to inform parents with a complete plan and details. She said that El Sol continues to negotiate the church. Mrs. Daviss said that they have only informed the teachers and that there are a lot of details that need to happen including moving everything to the new location. She said that there is a lot of work happening from now to July.

Mrs. Daviss stated that the location is a pleasant area. She said that it has a fellowship hall for indoor assemblies, a kitchen, a playground, and a small cafeteria.

She stated that the other conversation was about Open House. She said that originally Open House is supposed to be in June, but agreed to have it early this year. Mrs. Daviss explained that students and teachers present a variety of projects to parents. She stated that this year will be in early May. In addition, she said that state testing is coming up.

Mrs. Daviss concluded her report by stating that for those who missed the Mercado opening, it was great. She said that the Mercado has been very well appreciated and received.

**REPORT OF ACTION IN OPENED SESSION**

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to approve El Sol’s Board Minutes for March 2017.

Moved:	Romero		Sigala	X	Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Seconded:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	X
Ayes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff	X	Talebi		Morante	
Noes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Final Vote:	Ayes	3	Noes	0	Abstain		Absent		Morante	

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to approve El Sol’s 2017 February financials.

Moved:	Romero		Sigala	X	Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Seconded:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff	X	Talebi		Morante	
Ayes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	X
Noes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Final Vote:	Ayes	3	Noes	0	Abstain		Absent		Morante	

By a vote of 3-0, the Board took action to approve the audit firm Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP.

Moved:	Romero		Sigala	X	Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Seconded:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	X
Ayes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff	X	Talebi		Morante	
Noes:	Romero		Sigala		Ollendorff		Talebi		Morante	
Final Vote:	Ayes	3	Noes	0	Abstain		Absent			

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Sigala at 4:18 p.m.

