

GOETHE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES 120208 - UNAPPROVED

ATTENDANTS: Frank Miller, Elke Miller, Jose Gonzalez, Kirsten Paul, Kami Cotler (arrived at 7:50)

Meeting called to order at 7:17 pm by Elke Miller

1. AGENDA ITEM 1: UPDATE FACILITY

John Mora introduces Alan Wandell, from City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. The Facility Team has been working with him for several months.

Proposition 39: Application has been accepted. Key part for acceptance was attendance, i.e. sufficient documentation to support estimated ADA, which they agreed with. The next step is a meeting with Ana Fernandez from LAUSD in December to go through comparison schools and our needs. If we get Proposition 39 the law says that the District should give us a facility that compares to those that our students would otherwise attend..

Timeline: February 1st: district makes a preliminary proposal, March 1st: GICS' response to LAUSD proposal. April 1st final offer by LAUSD, May 1st: response by GICS and award of facility.

Location Search:

1. Alan Wandell has checked out a few facilities that do not have the right zoning right. Those facilities are not a feasible option for 2009 opening because fulfilling the zoning requirements would take about 9 months - 1 year and cost about \$100,000. Facility team has decided to not go for a building that doesn't have the right zoning, but they are still looking just in case.

2. Re-opened conversation with school site on Robertson, which has an E-1 Certificate of Occupancy. Negotiations have started regarding terms and rates. There is also an issue with stories and their usability for different grades. K,1st grade, 2nd grade: generally supposed to be located on ground floor. Exception: fully sprinklered building, 2 exits for exclusive use for K, 1,2 students from second floor to first ground. 3rd floor: Fire Department issue. Alan Wendell said though that as far as Department of Building and Safety goes, we are fine because there is an E-1 Certificate of Occupancy.

Negotiations of terms is going on right now.

3. Consulting loopnet.com for commercial property which has most of the properties, and Craigslist on a regular basis.

4. Jose put together 300 letters to churches and will follow up with phone calls to all of them with group of 12 helpers.

John talked to Head of Real Estate from the Arch Diocese and he said we have mutual interest. St. Bernhard in Playa del Rey could be a possibility.

Team has been going and will continue to go to Neighborhood Council Meetings
Re-established relationship with Councilmen Rosendahl, Planning Deputy. Councilmen can help speed up process regarding zoning if necessary.

Charter School Facility Collaborative

Have been in touch with some charter school groups and will with others. Major ones are: ICEF, Green Dot (John Sun) Debbie Schoenfeld – facilities for Alliance for College Ready Public Schools, KIPP (Alan could get us a name).

Checking out possibility of co-locating in one building with another charter school that is expanding.

Meeting adjourned: 8:43 pm