

**21st. Century Public Academy  
Governance Council Meeting  
November 16, 2023**

**Members Present:** Gary Boyd, Vice President  
Vicente Vargas, Secretary  
Lora Sedore, Member  
Anne Desiderio, Member

**Members Absent:** Art Silva, President

**Guests:** Jeremy Peckens, Principal  
Mary Tarango, CEO  
Angela Lerner, COO  
Jennifer Elliot, Special Education Director  
Aaron Savoia, Vigil Group  
Kathy Potter

**Governance Council called to order by Gary Boyd, Vice President at 5:30 pm**

**Roll Call:**

- Quorum met.

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion to Approve – Lora Sedore  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Vicente Vargas  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Approval of Previous Governance Council Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023**

- Motion to Approve – Vicente Vargas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lora Sedore  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Open Forum** – Vicente Vargas addressed some comments concerning the Summer Childcare Program about seeking funding for families that cannot afford childcare. Mary Tarango recommended that Vicente discuss concerns with Art and put on future agenda for discussion.

**Presentation and Discussion of Budget Reports** – Aaron Savoia reported on all budget reports for October, 2023.

- Motion to Approve Cash Disbursements and Bank Reconciliation for October 2023  
– Vicente Vargas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lora Sedore  
Motion Unanimously Approved
- Motion to Approve BARS – Vicente Vargas  
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2<sup>nd</sup> – Lora Sedore  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Discussion and Possible Action for Change of Business Manager to Aaron**

**Savoia** – Mary Tarango stated that the school contracts with the Vigil Group, not with Aaron Savoia. The item is still in discussion with PEC lawyer.

- Motion to Approve change of Business Manager to Aaron Savoia – Vicente Vargas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Lora Sedore  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Presentation and Discussion of Special Education Director** – Jennifer Elliot reported on the Special Education Program.

**Presentation and Discussion of Principal's Report** – Jeremy Peckens reported on all items.

**Presentation & Discussion of COO Report** – Angela Lerner reported on all items.

**Presentation & Discussion of Superintendent's Report** – Mary Tarango reported on all items.

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding the identification of a Policy and Procedure topic to be presented at the next monthly GC meeting** – Vicente

Vargas would like to better understand and address the bullying policy.

- Motion to identify policy on bullying by Administration to be presented at next Governance Council meeting – Vicente Vargas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Anne Desiderio  
Vote : Anne Desiderio - Yes, Vicente Vargas - Yes, Lora Sedore - No,  
Motion passes with a 2-1 vote.

**Discussion and Possible Action for an Additional Closed Session in December regarding Final Disposition of PED complaint of 8/24/23** –

- Motion to not go into a closed session in December, 2023 regarding Final Disposition of PED complaint of 8/24/23 – Vicente Vargas

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lora Sedore  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Next Meeting**

- December 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn – Vicente Vargas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Anne Desiderio  
Motion Unanimously Approved

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm**

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GC approved 12-14-2023