

# **2017-2018 Governing School Council (GSC)**

Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot / GHA Magnet School

5421 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90016

## ***GSC Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2017***

### **I. Call to Order**

GSC Chairperson, Delmar Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:13pm

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Baldwin Hills Scholar, Getajati Langley

### **III. Roll Call/Establish Quorum**

A. Roll call was conducted by GSC Secretary, Angela Petty

#### **Members in attendance:**

Delmar Thomas

Jheri Murdock

Nekisia Lester-Spinner

Shaunte Taylor

Dr. K. Benjamin

Jacqueline Porter-Morris

Angela Petty

Tracy Pharris

Kimberly Theard

Dr. Amber Irving-Elkins

Marie Germaine

Saudeka Shabazz

Dr. L. Davis

**Members not present:** Sean Curley

B. Quorum was established with 13/14 members present for roll call

### **IV. Chairperson's Report**

2017-2018 GSC members were introduced by Mr. Thomas with a brief explanation of GSC's history, mission and vision (for this year).

(4) GSC documents were introduced and described by Mr. Thomas for member's future reference:

1. 2017-2018 Calendar of Events and Deadlines
2. GSC Bylaws
3. 2015-2016 Pilot School Proposal
4. 2017-2018 LAUSD Pilot School Manual

### **V. Principal's Report**

Dr. Davis reported an increase in this year's enrollment and recognized the hard work put forth by all stakeholders, resulting in an increase in last year's test scores. Dr. Davis emphasized this year's instructional focus, surrounding thematic units, STEAM, NGSS alignment, PBL's and the use of technology (iPads).

Dr. Davis also discussed the Annual Self-Review of Baldwin Hills , while indicating the district's role in year four (as it relates to class sizes and school funding) . Continued focus remains on best practices; growing the Pilot Plan; increasing fundraising & parent engagement efforts, and positive student outcomes.

#### **VI. Parent Liaison Informational/Intro**

Mr. Thomas introduced the Parent Liaison Committee and provided information about commitments, roles, responsibilities, etc. of each parent/family, which include:

- Disseminate district and school-wide information, events, announcements, fundraisers, etc.
- Coordinate with other liaisons to receive communication(s) between school committees (GSC, SSC, ELAC) and parents/families
- Maintain records (meeting agenda/minutes) to ensure accuracy of information

All other work/efforts carried out by liaisons beyond the scope of GSC business will be agreed upon and coordinated by classroom teachers - not the GSC.

#### **VII. Committee Review & Assignments**

Various members of the GSC described each sub-committee with clarification of the potential roles and responsibilities therein. GSC members expressed interests/preferences to act as chair or co-chair for the following sub-committees:

1. **Core Four** - Ms. Murdock (Co-chair), Ms. Porter-Morris (Co-chair)
2. **Principal's Evaluation** - Ms. Germaine (Chair)
3. **Budget Committee** - Dr. Benjamin (Chair)
4. **Fundraising/Parent Engagement** - Ms. Taylor (Co-chair), Dr. Irving-Elkins (Co-chair), Ms. Petty (Co-chair)
5. **Annual Pilot Review** - Ms. Pharris (Co-chair), Ms. Shabazz (Co-chair), Ms. Theard (Co-chair)
6. **EWA/IAP** - Mr. Thomas (Chair)
7. **Data Committee** - Dr. Davis (Co-chair), Ms. Lester-Spinner (Co-chair)
8. **Bylaws** - Mr. Thomas (Co-chair), Ms. Theard (Co-chair)

Mr. Thomas emphasized the need for increased participation and mobilization of each sub-committee. An invitation to form a new sub-committee was given to anyone interested, given prior voting & approval by the GSC.

#### **VIII. Public Comments**

(3) Public comments were made by guests and moderated by the GSC Parliamentarian, Dr. Irving-Elkins:

- Jeff Robinson commented on the GSC sub-committees and inquired about the maximum number of people who can participate on a given committee. (*There is NO maximum number of persons who can participate.*)
- Alexis Owens commented about the need for an "afternoon" TGIF in addition to the "morning" session. (*Dr. Davis agreed to consider the possibility of a "TGIF" to be held in the afternoon/evening for additional parent involvement/support.*)
- Danielle Soyouti commented to gain clarity about the TGIF dates/times. (*It was confirmed that each TGIF would remain on the 1st Friday of each month.*)

**IX. GSC Member Announcements**

1. Ms. Germaine & Ms. Pharris announced that there will be an “Info Meeting” next month for all new/incoming parents/families to get information about the Pilot School Review process.
2. Ms. Germaine announced that the Local Options Oversight Committee (LOOC) office will be holding meetings to inform parents/families about “Autonomous Schools” . The LOOC committee will be offering two informational sessions. Flyer will be distributed for more information.
3. Dr. Benjamin announced that a DRAFT of the Parent Compact Letter has been finalized and prepared for all parents/families to receive on “Family Information Night”, to be held at Baldwin Hills on 9/26/17. Information will also be available online and open for response(s) via email.
4. Dr. Benjamin announced the need for more parent engagement and is open to ideas, suggestions, etc.
5. Dr. Benjamin announced that there are Title I Funds (\$30K) which will be allocated at the next SSC meeting scheduled for 10/19/17 at 3pm.
6. Ms. Murdock announced that Parent Liaisons will be required to register with LAUSD as Parent Volunteers for the 2017-2018 year. Application instructions (LAUSD Policy Bulletin 6542.0) were provided to the GSC Secretary for records. Parents will also be able to obtain application and/or online link as well.
7. Ms. Taylor announced that an official “Parent Liaison Info Meeting” should be considered, however after receiving teacher feedback (about logistics, confirmation, etc.) during their Professional Development meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Thomas and was seconded by Dr. Davis. A vote was unanimously approved by all GSC members present. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.