

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

Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot / GHA Magnet Center  
5421 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90016

### **GSC Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2018**

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

GSC Chairperson, Delmar Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by GSC Chairperson, Delmar Thomas.

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

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

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

Delmar Thomas	Kimberly Theard	
Shaunte Taylor	Tracy Pharris	Saudeka Shabazz
Dr. Letitia Davis	Marie Germaine	Dr. Kimerlin Benjamin
Angela Petty	Nekishia Lester-Spinner	Dr. AmberMarie Irving-Elkins

##### **Members not present:**

Ms. Carr/Curley  
Jheri Murdock  
Jacqueline Porter-Morris

B. Quorum was established with 11/14 members present for roll call

#### **IV. Chair's Report**

Mr. Thomas opened the meeting with warm greetings for the new year. He did not have any new matters to raise, however he welcomed anyone with questions, concerns, and or suggestions regarding the GSC to contact any Executive Board member for assistance. He also mentioned that BHEP could be featured in an upcoming L.A. School Report publishing, recognizing the hard work evidenced by our stakeholders in fulfilling our Pilot mission. More information on the publishing will come soon.

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

Dr. Davis reported that as the Prop 39 season approaches, she is taking every measure to ensure that BHEP will have the necessary space to maintain the integrity of it's programs, while also combating the negative impact that co-locations continue to have on our school. As such, she reported that she recently met with the Director regarding our need to utilize more space on

campus for the 2018-2019 school year. Below, is the list of classrooms which have been documented at instructional space to be utilized by BHEP (for next year):

Room 8	Room 27
Room 9	Room 31

Dr. Davis stressed that without this space, BHEP simply cannot carry out the true mission as a Pilot school. She also mentioned the urgency for all stakeholders to attend the upcoming Prop 39 meeting, hosted by Local District West to be the voice for BHEP, and to help fight against the infringement of co-locations on our campus(es).

Prop 39 Community Forum/Informational Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:00pm

Audubon Middle School

4120 11th Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90008

Dr. Davis continued her report by emphasizing the need to build upon networks and other outreach endeavors to increase the enrollment at BHEP. She reported interests in the possibility of BHEP becoming involved with local Homeowner's Associations (HOA's), which have a school/community sector, to explore the potential for outreach/support. She mentioned that the Baldwin Hills Estates HOA has regular meetings, where we could potentially share information about our school/programs. Dr. Davis expressed her wishes to become active in our attempt to increase enrollment, by visiting local Headstart programs, pre-schools, and other community places, to invite prospective scholars to BHEP. She wants to enlist anyone interested in this work and requested the immediate help of the GSC to help recruit, organize and launch the endeavor.

Dr. Davis' final report included the ongoing efforts to recognize and reward our scholars for their academic achievement and hard work. She shared that there are more than 60 students who will be recognized during next week's SBAC Achievement Awards, hosted by Mrs. Pharris & Mrs. Porter-Morris. During the ceremony, students will receive honorary pins and medals for their academic success. The ceremony will coincide with Family Info Night on January 25th, at 4pm. All families are welcomed to attend.

## **VI. SSC Report**

Dr. Benjamin reported, on behalf of the SSC, that preparations are in place for reviewing the SPSA to aid with the allocation of funds. She reported that a comprehensive needs assessment would be conducted to gain feedback on where funds are needed mostly, and how they will be aligned to accommodate

the overall needs of the school. Some of the identified areas include: (1) Nurse Services (2) PSA Counselor/Services (3) Teacher's Assistants (4) Pupil Services Counselor(s). Dr. Benjamin reported that the SSC will likely distribute the needs assessment via email with a respective timeline (TBD).

Mrs. Lester-Spinner added, on behalf of SSC, that parents/families have requested more efforts in increasing math scores and inquired about what practices or intervention(s) could be offered to support it.

#### **VII. LAUSD Lawsuit/Settlement Presentation**

Dr. Irving-Elkins shared that LAUSD awarded more than 50 schools monies, as part of a settlement surrounding underperforming schools and school resources. She mentioned that Dr. Batie, an Engineering and Math professor, recently published independent data reflecting the school-wide performance of the LAUSD. She added that he was appearing at a local community meeting on Sunday, January 28th, if anyone was interested in seeing/hearing his presentation.

#### **VIII. Pilot Mission Recognition Presentation**

GSC Vice Chair, Shaunte Taylor announced that there were no candidates to be recognized by the GSC during this month's meeting. She reported that presentations will resume next month.

#### **IX. Annual Pilot Review Committee/Principal Evaluation Committee Update**

During last month's GSC meeting, Ms. Germaine announced that the committee was brainstorming ways to devise a single survey that could effectively evaluate multiple areas, which could yield more concise timelines and increased parent participation. As result, she reported that the committee had prepared a comprehensive survey to be distributed to each sub-group (*parents, students, Certificated + Non-certificated staff*) next week, which is comprised of 3 components:

- Principal Evaluation
- Annual Pilot Review
- Magnet Review

Ms. Germaine also reported that she was encouraged about the level of participation and feedback following the survey.

Dr. Davis added that the second round of Pilot "walkthroughs" will be conducted mid February, and asked that the team be prepared. An email will be sent to committee/team to inform them accordingly.

**X. Public Comment**

1. Public comment was made by Danielle Saouty regarding the exploration of network/outreach through the local HOA's. She requested that the GSC research the various HOA's and respective school zones to ensure alignment in our valid attempts to increase school enrollment.

**XI. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Action Item)**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Dr. Irving-Elkins and was seconded by Mrs. Taylor. A unanimous vote was made to approve the December 2017 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes will be posted on the school website in short order.

**XII. Vote on Changes to Bylaws (Action Item)**

Mr. Thomas restated the proposed changes to the Bylaws as reflected in the written document (distributed last month). A motion to approve the changes was made by Mrs. Taylor and was seconded by Dr. Irving-Elkins. A vote was unanimously approved by all GSC members present to constitute the declared changes to the Bylaws.

**XIII. GSC Member Announcements**

1. Mrs. Taylor announced that she would be an active participant in extending the outreach efforts for school growth and support. She indicated that she would share information with additional HOA's surrounding BHEP. Mr. Thomas indicated that he would support her in those efforts, while inquiring about potential opportunities for the GSC to present information in the near future.
2. Ms. Germaine shared information about the current and future development in the neighborhood, which she believes may bring potential opportunities and or challenges. She welcomed the idea of change, and added that we, as a unifying body be prepared and willing to take on any challenges that may follow.
3. Ms. Theard shared that she attended the documentary film, featured last month and reported that after the film, there was mention about several enrichment programs available this summer. She committed to getting more information to share with the GSC as soon as possible. Mrs. Lester-Spinner added that she would also research prospective programs that our scholars may qualify for this summer.

**XIV. Adjournment (Action Item)**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Taylor and was seconded by Dr. Irving-Elkins. A vote was unanimously approved by all GSC members present. Meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm.