



A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Friday, December 16, 2011
5:00 PM, Library**

I. PRELIMINARY:

A. Call to order – Chris Lee – 5:08 PM

B. Roll call

Jason Cutler will be contacted at the following location:

2301 West 190th

Torrance, CA 90504

Wendy Hagan will be contacted at the following location:

2509 South Rotary Court

Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

Members Present:

Allison Holdorff Polhill

Chris Lee

Judi Firth

Marike Anderson-Dam

Mark Epstein

Monica Iannessa

Stephanie Inyama

Absent:

Lisa Kaas Boyle

Matthew Wunder

Greg Wood

Non-Voting Members Present:

Eeman Khorramian – Student Rep

Officers/Senior Staff Present:

Pamela A. Magee – ED/Principal

On Phone: Jason Cutler and Wendy Hagan

II. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Non-agenda items: No individual presentation shall be for more than two (2) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed sixteen (16) minutes. Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation. Speakers may choose to speak during the public comment segment and/or at the time an agenda item is presented.

A. Karen Giffin: Thanked the board for considering the earlier calendar change of August 22nd. She is a proponent of the August 22nd start date.

B. Victoria Collison: Asked the board to consider the August 22nd start date.

C. Elizabeth Davis: A proponent of keeping the same calendar. However, if the school has to change, she asked the board to consider the August 22nd start date.

D. Randy Tenan-Snow: (not present but read by Karen Giffin) Randy is a proponent of the August 22nd start date with a two week winter break.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

2012 – 2013 PCHS PROPOSED CALENDAR CHANGE

The UTLA voting results were 82.4 % August 14 start date and 17.6% September 4 start date.

There was not enough teacher voice to put August 22nd on the ballot; however, UTLA would consider a different calendar if the charter complex moves to a different calendar before the 2012-13 school year begins. The UTLA results were 82.4% in favor of an August 14th start date and 17.6% in favor of a September 4th start date.

Julia O’Grady, parent liaison, sent out an email on December 12, 2011 to the parents in both English and Spanish. This email contained a survey for parents on calendar start date preferences. The results were (820 parents opened the email) 142 parents voted for Aug 14. 162 parents voted for the August 22nd start date. 116 parents voted for September 4th start date.

Motion: Made by Judi Firth: I move to have the PCHS 2012-13 calendar start on August 14 and end on June 4, 2013 with the following caveats: The school calendar will be revisited if the Charter Complex moves to a new start date, and the change has no negative budgetary impact to PCHS.

Seconded the motion: Mark Epstein

BOARD ACTION: MOTION PASSED

Yes – 9 (Allison Holdorff Polhill, Chris Lee, Jason Cutler, Judi Firth, Marike Anderson-Dam, Mark Epstein, Monica Iannessa, Stephanie Inyama, & Wendy Hagan)

No – 0

Abstain – 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT: 5:43 PM