

Minutes of the Monday January 25, 2016
Governing body of Children of Promise Preparatory Academy Charter School
Meeting held at 3130 W. 111th Pl. Inglewood, CA 90303 at 10:00am

Members Present: Dr. Candace Benton, Henry Leopold, Rodney Johnson, Naomi Cox, Kennedy Hilario and Tamara Aburto.

Administration in Attendance: Dr Carleton Lincoln and Trena Thompson

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Dr. Candace Benton
2. **Roll Call:** Roll call of members. Quorum
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** None
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Modification of Agenda:** None
6. **Welcome:** Dr. Benton welcomed everyone to the meeting.
7. **Approval of governing Board Meeting Minutes of December 7 and 15, 2015:** Mr. Leopold motioned to approve minutes as written. Ms. Cox seconded

A. COPPA Items for Review:

COPPA New Facility Renovation and Occupancy Update – Dr. Lincoln & Mrs. Thompson

1. Facility Construction Update

- All students 1st to 7th grade have moved into the new building. Students and teachers feel at home.
- We are in the final phase of the renovations. Mr. Mashaka is meeting tomorrow with the elevator contractor before our February 29th dead line. Hopefully, at that point we should receive our final occupancy permit.
- As a result of the delays, the construction the contractor possibly owes us credit for the delays. There are minor things that they still need to finish including the lighting in the parking lot.

2. COPPA Smarter Balance Test Preparation – (Discussion/Action)

a. Preparing our Teachers, Parents and Students for Success in Math, ELA and Writing

- Last year we spent 5 months preparing for the test. This year we are starting preparation in February.
- b. Last year was the first time they publicized the scores. Although the scores are not supposed to count against the students or schools performance, we are encouraging our parents and students to seriously prepare.
- c. We are implementing new strategies to improve our student's digital reading and math skills. We will be hiring a service company, Lumos Learning to focus on test preparation.
 - The learning model on the test encourages independent and critical thinking skills but many students have difficulties transitioning from direct instructions to independent instruction skills.
- d. We will be focusing on improving COPPA student's digital reading skills and technology literacy so they will be more confident and relaxed in a digital testing environment.

3. Administration 401K Current and Retroactive Establishment Update - (Discussion/Action)

a) Dr. Lincoln is meeting with a financial advisor to discuss the implementation.

8. Executive Director's Report :

- The loss of Benny Golbin, one of our music teachers has been difficult for all of our students and staff.
- We would like to honor Mr. Golbin by renaming our Music Center and establishing a scholarship in his name for students interested in music. Board members agree and approve the change of the Music Center.

- Mr. Leopold motioned to rename our music lab, COP Schools Benny Golbin Music and Art's Center and to establish a scholarship his name. Seconded by Mrs. Bolanos, the motion was unanimously approved.

11. Call for agenda items: None

12. Adjournment: Mrs. Bolanos motioned to adjourn and Mr. Leopold seconded.