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**Richmond College Prep (RCP) Board Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, April 18, 2019
 1014 Florida Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804**

Board Members Present: David Rosenthal (Chair), Neville Richardson (Vice Chair), Sylvia Keita, Patricia Scott, Leonard Pitt, and Maria Rosa Keys

Staff: Peppina Liano - CEO
 Maria Trejo – Business Manager

1.0	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM	5:00 PM
2.0	Roll Call/Attendance	5:05 PM
3.0	Public members that wished to address the Board of Directors: none	5:12 PM
4.0	Approved Minutes for February 2019 meeting Motion: David Rosenthal Second: Sylvia Keita	5: 12PM
5.0	Discussion and Action Items	5:20 PM
	<p>5.1 EdTec Financial Report - Eric Noll Enrollment and attendance: Attendance peaked in the fall and picked up later, and the 547 increase of enrollment will help with finances. Preliminary P2 Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 511.53. This number may change a little before the end of the year. The average ADA of 511.53 improves the forecast by \$39K, and the deficit forecast for March is 239K, which is better than February.</p> <p>Charter School Transparency Law (Senate Bill 126) takes effect January 1, 2020. The bill covers the Brown Act, Public Record Request, Two-way conference at each school site, Board meeting within county boundaries, conflict of interest, and Form 700. RCP is in full compliance with this new law.</p> <p>Anti-Charter legislation to be heard by the Assembly Education Committee. The three bills eliminate the right to appeal charter renewal. AB 1505 eliminates the right to appeal if a charter petition is denied, non-renewed, or revoked at the district level. AB1506 Places an indefinite moratorium on the growth of the number</p>	

of charters at the state and district levels. Jorge Lopez from Amethod Public Schools (AMPS) has been leading the charge. AB 1508 adds additional reasons that a district may deny a charter, including that a charter would have a negative financial impact on the school district.

Budget development process begins in late winter/early spring with budget approval by June 30th. Budget development is in a holding pattern due to High School Plus (HS+); more revisions to come. RCP plans to bring on Namrata Gupta for 3 yrs. as Program Developer and CEO-in-training. Investment account is trending positive.

Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA): how do we look? As part of the District, we don't receive a dime of revenue, and we don't pay a dime of revenue. Every year, we pay \$1000 for each student, regardless of whether they need Special Ed; therefore, we spend around \$511,000 for our average of 511 students. SEPLA is not connected to District. If we went with SELPA/EI Dorado, we would have greater uncertainty and the risk of having to pay more than \$1000 for each student. For example, 20-30 EdTec clients have \$300 - \$2000 per ADA. SELPA/EI Dorado reimbursed 70% last year and this year 90%, based on the amount of Special Ed services actually needed. (Mr Rosenthal: is there insurance that would pay the difference? Eric: CharterSafe is general liability insurance and not sure if they cover insurance for Special Ed.) Based on all District students, SELPA/EI Dorado divides the reimbursement proportionately among all schools in the district. SELPA/EI Dorado gets money from the Feds and the State and will reimburse everyone they serve. In order to decide whether to go with SELPA/EI Dorado, Admin will talk to CharterSafe to see if we can purchase insurance. Eric: maybe we should get HS+ started and then look at CharterSafe. The break-even point is 300 students. If HS+ starts with 60 kids, we'll have a deficit; but when ADA increases to 300 students, HS+ over time will help us. We need to make sure that the impact and timing of HS+ doesn't interfere with our need to fill up our Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

Goal for next funding year: determine opportunities for local revenues in fiscal year 2020 and beyond.

5.2 Board Chairman Report on Stege Elementary School - David Rosenthal

Mr. Rosenthal: Stege Elementary School has the lowest scores in the District. West Contra Costa School District Board Member, Mister Phillips is pushing to improve Stege academic performance. It's difficult.

Mister Phillips also wants special preference for students of the church where High School Plus will be housed. RCP will do everything we can to include African American students to be part of HS+. [Note on 6/27/19: At the end of April, HS+ was not approved.]

Mister Phillips will come Friday to talk about Stege. Mr. Rosenthal is sympathetic to Mister Phillip's desire for RCP to manage Stege. We can separate it from our Charter. We could contribute tutors, IAs for 1st and 2nd grade only. For all of Stege, it would cost \$120K. We can't afford that. We must have buy-in from the Board. We

	<p>can present it to the Superintendent with Mister Phillips. It is worth to try. If we put money in, what would the District do? We need to have governance over the program. We have to have a role and make sure it is effective. We must have significance in decision making. Must have a plan and have the resources to make the plan work. We need RCP Board full buy-in and District full buy-in.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Report from CEO 6.1 Report from CEO-- Ms. Liano Through the initiative of the Chamberlin Foundation, Concourse (a non-profit offering support services for completing an undergraduate degree) presented their program to RCP. All the Instructional Assistants (IAs) were invited to attend the presentation, but only four IAs enrolled.</p> <p>Namrata Gupta has been hired as CEO-in-training as of August 1, 2019. In the meantime, she is learning the nuances of the position with Ms. Liano’s close guidance.</p> <p>On April, 10th our team (Namrata Gupta, Susan Dunlap, Tana Monteiro, Eric Noll, David Rosenthal, and Cedric Jones) presented the High School+ plan to the WCCUSD Board of Trustees. Our team responded accordingly to the important questions presented by the trustees. There were a few items that need clarification, and we have received valuable support from some of the trustees to address each concern. [Note on 6/27/19: At the end of April, HS+ was not approved.]</p> <p>WCCUSD Charter Oversight staff person, Lina Delgado, will visit RCP Friday, April 26th. This is an annual visit that was established by the District four years ago.</p> <p>Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing for the current school year will begin April, 29, 2019, and testing ends by the end of May, when all students will have been tested.</p> <p>At the end of May, after testing is complete, we will have activities for the students like: field trips (Chabot Space Museum, Exploratorium, UCB Botanical Gardens, Tech Museum, Close Up), science fair, spelling bee, and rehearsal for graduation.</p> <p>This is the first year we will graduate 8th graders. Our current eighth graders danced the waltz a few years ago when they graduated from the 6th grade. Therefore, we will not have students in tuxedos and gowns; instead, students will wear caps and gowns. Graduation will take place Thursday, June 13th at 11 am.</p> <p>English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC): The test results have come in. RCP has reclassified 53 students. We will evaluate students that have the English Language Development (ELD) status and provide one-to-one intervention. Also, we have identified that many English Learners (EL) have a learning disability. We have 11 EL students in the upper grades that have not been reclassified, so we will ask Susan Dunlap to discern why that is. Writing is difficult for EL students, and the 11 EL students are not accomplished readers and writers.</p>	<p>6:15 PM</p>

	Ms. Liano is requesting that the last Board meeting of FY 18-19 would be Thursday, June 20, 2019.	
7.0	Adjournment	6:52 PM