

Opportunity Youth Academy
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131

APPROVED
Board Minutes
December 11, 2017
Regular Meeting #0006
Morgan Hill Room
4:30 p.m.

a. Call to Order

a. Roll Call/Introductions

Member(s) Present:

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

Participants

Steve Olmos of Student Services, David Putney of Alternative Ed/OYA, Dana Bunnett of Kids in Common, Mike Ramer of Student Services; Phil Morales OYA Principal, Bobby Welch of OYA Sobrato, Cidalia Azevedo of OYA South County

b. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION #0006-1 and APPROVAL: adopt the agenda as published.

b. Public Comments of Persons Desiring to Address the Board

No members addressed the Board at this time.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Governance Structure

Expanding the Board to 3 – 5 members was discussed. SCCOE staff would maintain a majority on the Board. A student, non-voting member will also be considered. A 1-member Board gives everyone full access to the Board and allows for an informal setting. There could be a conflict of interest if the Chief Schools Officer or a Santa Clara County Board of Education member served on the OYA Board. The OYA Advisory Committee is also interested in expanding the Board.

A change in governance will require a Material Revision to the OYA Charter Petition.

Dr. Dewan prefers a 5-member Board because it will be similar to other Boards and will allow for 2 non-COE members, plus 1 non-voting student member. She proposed a special board meeting be set up to discuss either appointments or votes and to take action.

MOTION #0006-2 and APPROVAL: Staff will bring recommendations to a Special Board Meeting in January or February 2018.

b. Adopt Calendar of 2018 OYA Board Meeting Dates

Currently, meetings are held quarterly on Mondays. Proposed meeting dates are 3-19-18 and 6-18-18.

MOTION #0006-3 and APPROVAL: Calendar of meetings was adopted as proposed.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Enrollment, ADA, Staffing and Marketing Update

Enrollment is currently at 223 with ADA at 74.49. Additional applications for enrollment are pending.

OYA is now ramping up their marketing. They are developing a flyer that offers updates on what's happening in OYA. The principal wants to develop individual web sites for each school site. The flyer will be mailed out soon.

OYA is improving student retention by making follow up phone calls to the students. Attendance is improving as a result. A personal follow up of encouragement from the teacher has had a positive impact on our students. A greater effort is being placed on retaining students and following up on those who do not attend classes regularly. OYA focuses energy on the students who are making an effort.

b. LCAP Update

Notes and evidence for next year's LCAP are being maintained continually. Special Ed, Alternative Ed and OYA are all included in the SCCOE LCAP meetings. A survey will be coming out soon to include everyone.

c. Report on Advisory Committee

The OYA Advisory Committee met last on November 18, 2017. The committee discussed setting up an OYA site within a San Jose public library but it's been difficult to negotiate dedicated space. OYA will go back to the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara to pursue classroom space within a library. Phil Morales has been talking to a group in The Bronx who have operated a program similar to OYA and Come Back Kids. Phil got some great ideas and connections during a recent phone call and he will follow up.

d. Site Expansion Workgroup Update

Phil is looking at high-density zip codes for potential new school locations. He's also looking at partnering with Adult Education and at a co-location site. Phil is working on this with David Putney, Elizabeth Alvarez of Catholic Charities and Alexandra Duran from Evergreen School District.

The SCC Public Health Department has a neighborhood directory of how many have high school diplomas, are low income, etc. This might be helpful when targeting areas for expansion. MGPTF has a collection of vacant buildings that could potentially become school sites. Phil will connect with the Housing Department to locate services where they are most needed.

Samantha Cramer with the San Jose Public Libraries offered OYA space for students to use their computers but wasn't interested in offering dedicated classroom space.

e. Probation Update

The co-location at Juvenile Hall has stalled. Only two students met Probation's criteria. Instead of the original 12-month stay, Probation is now looking at a 2-month program. OYA will readjust the goal to now make contact with the students, assess their academic needs, and provide them with a school to ensure they earn their high school diploma.

The MOU has been processed through SCCOE legal. Special Ed services can be charged to the districts. The MOU is now with Probation for processing. SCCOE's proposal is to provide one hour of service to each student each week. Probation will provide supervision and the computers.

Dana Bunnett would like to see this type of program in all detention facilities directing students to OYA. She'd like to see the SiaTech program offered while they are detained. They could continue the same program at OYA after their release.

Probation wants to deny entrance to students who have less than an 8th grade level education and/or special needs. This may be a conflict with the OYA Charter.

Dr. Dewan shared concern about sustainability. The MOU will certainly need to be brought to the OYA Board.

f. OYA Student Profile/Student Referrals

Phil created a form to determine if individual students are appropriate for OYA. The forms would be used by the districts, Probation, and any other agency that might refer students to OYA. Dr. Dewan recommended the form also be provided electronically.

g. Needs Assessment Update

A needs assessment from the Opportunity Youth Partnership will be used for all students to determine their needed services. This will provide data to share with potential funders/CBOs. The assessment will show the need for child care, drug counseling, etc. Dr. Dewan likes that everyone is using the same tool. OYA should participate in data collection. Starting in January 2018, OYA will start giving career assessments to all students.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Process for expelled students

6. Adjourn at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Dewan".

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D., County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary

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