

### We the People Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 19th, 2020, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
We the People High School
1635 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90813

#### Zoom Meeting Information:

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# **Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	SUBJECT	DISPOSITION
Call to order	Roll call	7:10pm
	Present: Irene Quevedo (remote), Carla McCullough (remote), Khemara Has Staff: Anita Ravi Guests: John T. Hill and Alanah Grant Absent: Sommer Jones	
2. Approval of Minutes	ACTION	Pass
Motion: McCullough motioned Second: Quevedo seconded. All in favor: McCullough, Quev Opposed: None Abstentions: None	to approve March 15, 2021 minutes. vedo, and Has	
3. Presentations from the Floor	Presentations from the floor on agenda items	
	Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters listed on the agenda, they may speak during Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of five (5) minutes each to address the Board (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes each).	
4. New Business Items		
a. Governance	1. Fundraising Update	Information
	Discussion: we've greatly closed the gap in our	



	funding. We had a combination of dollars raised (PPP loan, City of Long Beach COVID grant, State of CA COVID grant), state revenue deferral waiver, and state COVID in-person instruction state monies. Shortfall is now \$50k. Still waiting to hear about two grant opportunities.	
	2. Nominate new Board Member	Pass
	<u>Discussion</u> : Introduction of and by Alanah Grant. Ms. Grant has served in local Long Beach government for the past 5 years, and has followed WTP's progress from the beginning. Board Chair Has recommends her for board membership without reservation.	
	ACTION:  Motion: Quevedo motioned to approve Alanah Grant's membership to the board of WTP.  Second: McCullough seconded.  All in favor: Quevedo, McCullough and Has Opposed: None Abstentions: None	
b. Academics	3. Approve EduChange Science 3-year Contract 2021-24	Pass
	Discussion: ED provided an overview of the EduChange curriculum and discussed its merits and alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards. Board members reviewed real world integrative topics of this curriculum and their relation to STEM. EduChange is one of the only Integrated high school science curricula. It is research-based and has been in use for the past 20 years here in the U.S. and abroad. The ED provided an overview of costs. All upfront for first 3 years (all curriculum, coaching, and staff development). Ravi specified lab supplies for year 1 will be close to \$20K. PCSPG grant would cover this for year 1 of implementation.	
	ACTION: Motion: Quevedo motioned to approve curriculum. Second: Has seconded. All in favor: Has, Quevedo and McCullough Opposed: None Abstentions: None	



	4. Student Achievement Update	Information
	<u>Discussion</u> : ED presented data from fall and winter administration of NWEA-Map assessment. Measured growth not achievement. Done at home this year due to pandemic. It is to be administered a third time in late May (in-person). We reviewed growth data for all students. Staff looks at each student based on standards met. Students received progress reports at the end of Q3 and a record of this assessment.	
	5. Attendance Report	Information
	<u>Discussion:</u> ED provided an overview of student attendance for 1 <sup>st</sup> 7 months of school. Overall, we had 82% attendance at our lowest and 92% at our highest. Staff from the school have been doing home visits to all students, and chronically absent students have received more than 1 visit. Staff perform daily outreach through text, email and calls.	
	6. Summer Reading Program	Information
	<u>Discussion:</u> ED provided overview of grant opportunity with CA. Community Foundation. Looking forward to hearing back by end of month. Program sounds robust and will address summer learning loss.	
c. Finance	1. Approve March 2021 Financial Statements	Pass
	<u>Discussion</u> : Reviewed cash balance. We reviewed financial warnings last month and Has is drawing our attention to how finances are trending. Projections show we will not have a deficit. Biggest sources: state will no longer defer payout to school, and we were given a waiver (\$69k). Plus, we've gotten one PPP loan and a state COVID grant + in-person learning monies from state. The cash reserve is not legally required, but something we can fiscally achieve.	
	ACTION:  Motion: Has motioned to approve March 2021 financials.  Second: Quevedo seconded.  All in favor: Quevedo, McCullough, and Has Opposed: None Abstentions: None	



	2. Approve Back Office contract for 2021-2022 with Charter Impact  Discussion: Back office provider handles accounting, payroll, reporting to state, and audit annually. ExED great in startup phase. ED Ravi conducted a due diligence assessment process of 3 back office providers: EdTec, ExED, and Charter Impact. A side-byside comparison of services and pricing was provided. Charter Impact did a deep dive on their own without being prompted for next year's finances. They do a very thorough board packet. Charter Impact is also a cost savings. Ravi recommends we approve a contract with Charter Impact for the 21-22 fiscal year. Goal is to work with them long-term but proposed contract is for one year.  ACTION:  Motion: Quevedo motioned to approve contract with Charter Impact for next year.  Second: McCollough seconded.  All in favor: Quevedo, McCullough, and Has Opposed: None Abstentions: None	Pass
d. Operations	Discussion: Has updated Board on enrollment canvassing outreach project that happened in the community in February & March. Enrollment still low. Has recommends we up our efforts to increase enrollment and reach our goal of 60+. With communities opening back up this could be a good time to enhance and expand recruitment efforts. Ravi spoke of a roundtable event to bring people out to speak about what school should look like after this pandemic. The idea is to start conversations with those who serve our students to better improve the work we do. Discussed the House Meetings and concept around building community and engaging conversation.  McCullough exploring radio spots for other enrollment ideas.	Information
e. Future Business	Call for new agenda items from the Board of Directors	None
f. Call to adjourn		8:26pm



# We the People High School Board Meeting Dates, 2020-21 Fiscal & School Year: Adopted 6.15.2020

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The Board meets the third Monday of every month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. Agendas are posted online on our website, and at our meeting location 72 hours in advance of each meeting. The Board of Directors follows the BrownAct. All meetings are open to the public.

## 2021

- Monday, May 17
- Monday, June 21