

MINUTES

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

ARARAT CHARTER SCHOOL

6555 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys

November 29, 2017
6:30pm

Regular Meeting

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The Ararat Charter School (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Governing Board (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We are pleased that you are in attendance and hope that you will visit these meetings often. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda or non-agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.”
3. “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may specify that agenda item on your blue request form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to three (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
5. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
6. Citizens may request that a topic related to school business be placed on a future agenda. Once such an item is properly agendized and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.

Americans with Disabilities

The Ararat Charter School adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations, or more information about accessibility, please contact us at least 48 hours in advance at 818-994-2904, or agharibi@araratcharterschool.com. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations.

I. OPEN SESSION

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson, Shakeh Avakian at 6:35 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Shakeh Avakian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marlena Gonzalez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorena Gonzalez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Silva Karayan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hermine Mahseredjian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Giuliana Velarde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2017

Minutes of October 18, 2017 board meeting was approved unanimously

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

B. FOR INFORMATION: CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT. (Attachment)

1. No Update

C. FOR INFORMATION: PRINCIPAL’S REPORT. (Attachment)

This is a presentation of information that has occurred since the previous Board meeting. (Per attached report)

1. Update on School Calendar of Events

- October 31, 2017- Harvest Festival
- November 2, 2017-Last day of Intervention
- November 3, 2017-Professional Development-No School for students
- November 6-9, 2017-GLAD (Guided Language Acquisition Design) Demo Lessons
- November 10, 2017-No School for students-Veteran’s Day
- November 13-December 1, 2017- World’s Finest Chocolate Sale
- November 13, December 8, 2017- Team Alex Toy Drive
- November 13-16- Turkey Gram Sale (Created by Student Council)
- November 16, 2017- Twin Day (Created by Student Council)
- November 17, 2017- LAUSD Oversight Visit
- November 20-24- Thanksgiving break

2. Update on Facilities

- Property at 17400 Vanowen St, Van Nuys, CA 91406 (Previously ILEAD ACADEMY) is now available. An offer had been submitted and Red Hook is waiting to hear back

- A new property has been located at 18700 Sherman Way, Reseda CA. This is a commercial property. Principal will have more information to share for next Board meeting.
3. **Update on LAUSD Annual Oversight:** See attached handout
 4. **Update on 16-17 School Comparison Data Results and School Dashboard**

Update on Ararat Charter School 16-17 CAASPP Comparison School Results: In comparison to LAUSD Resident schools, ACS performed as follows:

With respect to English Language Arts for 16-17 SBAC:

- 56.42% of our students scored at standards met/exceeded overall. In comparison to the average medium scores of resident schools standards exceeded/met of 32.10%

With respect to Mathematics for 16-17 SBAC:

- 62.57% of ACS students scored at standards met/exceeded overall. In comparison to LAUSD resident schools of 28.04%.

In comparison to LAUSD similar schools, ACS performed as follows: With respect to English Language Arts for SBAC

- ACS had 7.02% growth from 15-16 to 16-17 in comparison to similar school's growth of .36%

With respect to Mathematics for SBAC

- ACS had 16.57% growth in comparison to similar school's growth of 2.51% from 15-16 to 16-17

California Dashboard: The Dashboard is a new website that shows how local educational agencies and schools are performing on the indicators included in California's new school accountability system. The Dashboard is the next step in a series of major shifts in California K-12 schools, changes that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing and placed the focus on equity for all students. The Dashboard provides information that schools can use to improve. The dashboard indicators are as follows:

- Basic Services
- Implementation of State Academic Standards
- Parent Engagement
- School Climate
- Coordination of Services for Expelled Youth – County offices of education only
- Coordination of Services for Foster Youth – County offices of education only

Update on school dashboard indicators: See attached handout

MiSIS Update

- Plug-in has been installed in our student information system
- Currently working with the MiSIS team to correct data errors
- Ed Tec data team has been supporting with this effort

- As of 11/14 ACS does not have any data violations records on data extracted from our school information system

D. FOR INFORMATION: FINANCIAL REPORT

This is an update from what has transpired since the last board meeting.

- 1. Budget to Date Update from Edtec:** Mr. Levi Kirkland from Edtec presented the monthly financial report that included the following details
 - 2017-18 Current Forecast
 - October 31, 2017 Balance Sheet
 - 2017-18 Cash Flow
 - Exhibits
 - Revised expense assumptions result in a decrease of \$22K to the school’s Operating Income
 - Ararat continues to build a cash reserve, ending the month of October with a cash balance of \$2.6M

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The Principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

None

IV. ACTION ITEMS

None

V. INFORMATION ITEMS/POSSIBLE ACTION:

A. Update on Redevelopment of School Website

Motion to approve minutes by: Dr. Karayan
Seconded by: Ms. M. Gonzalez
Vote: Approved Unanimously

B. Section 504 Policy: See attached drafted policy

Motion to approve minutes by: Dr. Karayan
Seconded by: Ms. M. Gonzalez
Vote: Approved Unanimously

C. SST(Student Success Team) Policy: See attached drafted Policy

Motion to approve minutes by: Ms. M. Gonzalez
Seconded by: Dr. Velarde
Vote: Approved Unanimous

D. Association Update: Ararat Charter School staff and employees would like to extend their appreciation to the Association for a wonderful luncheon held on Novemebr 3, 2017.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:23pm to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

Public Employee Employment (G.C. 54957)

Title:

- **Certificated Personnel Update**
- **Classified Updates**
- **Update on Certificated/Management**

**Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board will report out any action taken in closed session, if any.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at _____ .

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board will consider items for future Board Meeting Agendas.

VI. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

December 13, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____