

# Greater San Diego Academy Homeschool Charter Council

## Meeting Agenda

**Date:** September 28, 2009 10:00 a.m.

**Committee:** Charter Council Meeting

**Facilitator:** Gail Levine

**Timekeeper:**

**Recorder:**

**Meeting Purpose:** Policy and information

Time	Topic
10:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and introductions:</b> Gail Levine, Leticia Arias (EC), Robin Kanzius (EC), Chris Simpson (CC), Dawn McMurray-Guard (NC), Dave Nuoffer, Rick Stravasnik, Sandy Blackmun (EC), Vicki Cullen (CC), Kristie Remaly
10:05	<b>Review Ground Rules and Agenda</b> —Explain purpose of this group Ground Rues: Say what you want to say and respect everyone’s right to do the same What happens here is formative...we gather input. Please do not put information out there until a formal change has occurred. Respect and support the decisions of the group. Purpose: Advisory to the lead team, who takes information to the JDUSD school board Dependent charter school under the Jamul-Dulzura USD governing board Direct funded charter school – money goes straight to GSDA
10:15	<b>Celebrating Successes</b> – What is great about GSDA? What is your vision of the perfect Charter Homeschool? What’s great?: Level of parent involvement Flexibility Lack of constraints – responsiveness to student ability level and pace Availability of resources Tools for success (Assessment, etc) Staff is accessible Responsive to parent needs for classes Graduating students who are on the verge of dropping out Kids’ enthusiasm for education Staff support for parent concerns Every child gets what s/he needs Every staff member wants what is best for kids Parents care about child’s learning rather than grades Vision: Currently, we support homeschool families. Let’s refine our vision. If we had all the resources in the world, what would you like our school to be like in 5 years? Think about this...We will talk about this as a staff and bring ideas to the next charter council meeting.
10:30	<b>Review of actions from 08-09 council</b> – Successful renewal of GSDA Charter for a period of five years. Successful WASC review visit. Next visit will be Spring of 2012. A “Parent Corner” section was added to our newsletter where parents could submit items to be

	<p>included for all to see.</p> <p>Consolidation of parent education events and “Charter Council” meetings into “Parent Connect” meetings where parents share, learn and mentor one another.</p> <p>Planning for more field trips and fewer “events” so more students will take advantage of activities that appeal to them.</p> <p>Planning for more upper grade field trips.</p> <p>Last year’s investigation into GSDA based online classes resulted in using coursework from Aventa Credit Recovery and Aurora Online Learning. Also added PowerSpeak from the K-12 family of coursework.</p>
10:45	<p><b>Shift the Drift</b></p> <p>Leave on the agenda and discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Parent perception of homeschooling: let’s come up with an “elevator talk” to refute negative comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students learn to take responsibility for their own learning.</li> <li>• Students can pace learning to challenge student at his/her own zone of proximal development (appropriate level).</li> <li>• Students can learn to work with a variety of ages and abilities (ages 0-99).</li> <li>• Less negative socialization.</li> <li>• Individualized instruction and personal attention.</li> <li>• Capacity to take advantage of the teachable moment.”</li> </ul> <p>*Put this in the newsletter “Ways to enhance the public perception of homeschooling”</p>
11:00	<p><b>Review of Assessment data from -2009</b></p> <p>We did not make AYP (annual yearly progress) because we did not have 95% of our students participate in the testing.</p> <p>The API (academic performance index) target is 800...GSDA’s API is 743, a 48 point growth from the prior year. The staff will investigate what the growth means. Some ideas...ALEKS, onsite support for math/science, Scantron assessments</p> <p>Numbers are increasing for students who have been with us several years...this shows that we are doing good things for kids.</p> <p>Compared to other charter homeschools we are doing well. Our scores are significantly higher than the county/state in LA, but not in math.</p>
11:20	<p><b>Budgets:</b></p> <p><b>08-09: budget and remainder</b></p> <p><b>09-10 zero based budget and request for suggestions</b></p> <p>Our school is in great shape because we have been fiscally responsible.</p> <p>We want to be sure we do not spend money we may have to pay back. Audit exception is still in progress.</p> <p>Review and explanation of 09-10 draft budget.</p> <p>What can we spend \$50-\$75 thousand for the good of kids.</p> <p>What is important for us as a school?</p> <p>++science literacy – lab kits *need someone to do that (Robin/Sandy)</p> <p>++math literacy – refurbish manipulative kits (communication) (have admins check)</p> <p>economics - kits</p> <p>critical thinking - kits</p> <p>++foreign language</p> <p>historical literacy - kits</p> <p>additional tutoring – free online, free at county libraries, HS students, outreach through local colleges</p> <p>student connections</p> <p>educate parents</p> <p>curriculum guide correlating textbook chapters to standards</p>

	<p>sharing information – build resource networking piece  library books to enhance topics, books to match curriculum guides  unit studies incorporating literacy in critical areas and different students/sites  keyboarding skills</p>
12:00	<b>Let's Do Lunch</b>
12:15	<p><b>General conversations around Charter and Site specific issues</b>  Social Networking? – Wiki sites  Suggestion: save Kelly's math lessons to CD for check out at the sites  Cal State San Marcos – free arts van (Center ARTES)  Free splash science lab through NC water district  CA Center for the Arts – recommended for teachers to attend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playwrights project -Nov 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 grades 4-8</li> <li>• Stage crew technical demonstrations – grades 6-12</li> </ul> <p>Gather inexpensive teacher events (ex. Wild Animal Park teacher night)  Have resource lists available onsite</p>
12:45	<p><b>Set remaining meeting dates, time, location</b>  Mondays 10-1 in CC work: Tentative Dec. 7; Mar 8; May 24.  *future agenda – high school homeschool adjustment course?, update on today's agenda, mentoring  *Upload charter to the website  *Send out Kathleen Hermsmeyer's homeschool article  *More official teacher card – Lifetouch teacher ids?</p>
12:55	<p><b>Meeting reflection</b>  <u>Plus</u>  Sandwiches  Participation  Productive  Good information/ideas</p> <p><u>Deltas</u>  Need dessert</p>