



**November 15, 2023**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**5:00-6:30 p.m. – District Office Building**

**Minutes**

**Board Present:** D. Andersen, E. Andersen, Axelrad, Bautista, Bewtra, Cheng, Davis, Dubin, Holmes, Khechfe, Klinke, Kniss, Krause, Mostafa, Oropeza, Park, Sathaye, Whalen, Wilson

**Board Absent:** Casas, Jones, Lambert, Lara-Cervantes, Mahoney, Vaidhyanathan, Wong-Agbayani

**Staff Present:** Cima, Howell, Latta, Reilly, West

**District Staff Present:** Simon Pennington, Marisa Spatafore, Susan Cheu

**Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

- July 2023 Meeting Minutes Approved
  - *Action: Bautista moved to adopt the minutes; E. Andersen seconded. The motion carried; minutes approved.*

**Mission Moment: Hope Initiative**

- Cima presented the digital 2023 Annual Report and played a thank you video from a grant recipient that was part of the interactive report.
- Cima requested that board members share the report with their networks and on social media.

**Board Appointments – Cima**

- On behalf of the Executive Committee, Cima presented the board with one nomination:  
Malini Rao.
  - *Action: Motion by Bewtra to appoint Malini Rao to the board of directors for the term 2023-2026; Axelrad seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

**Finance Report – Latta**

- Latta presented the new financial dashboard to the board. She highlighted that it was still in draft format as the new CRM system staff is still learning how to develop

the reports. Latta explained each column presented and how it would allow the board and others to get a different perspective on where funds being raised were being directed.

- Discussion about other data and metrics that would be helpful ensued, including adding average gift size and number of new donors.
- Dubin highlighted that the Foundation had 11.72% returns for FY 22-23 and that Vanguard has been a good steward of the Foundation's investments.

### **Report on Action(s) by Executive Committee – Cima**

- No Action to report

### **Hope Initiative Discussion – Cima**

- Cima began a discussion with the board on its current initiative, the Hope Initiative. The goal of the initiative was to raise an additional \$3M over three years starting in September 2021. Currently, there has been a little over \$1M raised towards that goal.
- Discussion ensued and the board talked about strategies to fundraise for the rest of the initiative.

### **Presidents Report De Anza – Holmes**

- Holmes told the board that De Anza has been selected as a contender for the Aspen Prize for community college excellence for the 3rd time. The Aspen Institute has the goal of "improving education by developing and informing education leaders across policy and practice, with an emphasis on sustainability and equity." The 1-million-dollar prize is in recognition of outstanding teaching, learning, and equity initiatives. Dr. Holmes will update the board once the selections are made.
- Holmes highlighted De Anza's ongoing conversations with local industry partners to strengthen community ties.

### **President's Report Foothill – Whalen**

- Whalen reported that about 80 students per day are utilizing the new BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) center in the Owls Nest Community Resource Center.
- Foothill has seen growth in enrollment from its service area due to a focus on partnering with local K-12 institutions.
- Board members spoke about how excellent the dual enrollment and the middle college program at Foothill is. Currently, the PAUSD is separating its dual enrollment programing from the MVLA district, and this could add 180 new students to the program, doubling its size from last year.

### **Foundation Report – Cima**

- Cima reminded the board that there will be a holiday gathering on Thursday December 7, 2023, and asked them to please bring a guest. He also requested that members of the board serve as cohosts and thanked the Andersens and Lee Lambert for helping to sponsor the event.
- Latta passed out thank you notes and a list of donors to the board and asked that they write thank you notes and send them to donors as part of stewardship efforts.

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.; next meeting January 24, 2024 (5:00 p.m.)*