

**PAZLO EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Governing Board of APEX Academy and Matrix for Success Academy**  
***SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – VISION RETREAT***  
**2:00 PM, Saturday December 2, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:30PM.

**II. Roll Call**

|                         | Present      | Absent |
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| ● Ms. Gail Shaw-Hawkins | <u>  X  </u> | _____  |
| ● Ms. Jody Molodow      | <u>  X  </u> | _____  |
| ● Ms. June Getz         | <u>  X  </u> | _____  |
| ● Ms. Marla Mattenson   | <u>  X  </u> | _____  |
| ● Ms. Allison Hendrick  | <u>  X  </u> | _____  |

**III. PazLo Education Foundation - Vision for the Future of Education**

**A. The State of our Organization**

a. Where we are, where we see us going

i. APEX, Matrix, Diploma Plus

*Director Lopez discussed and reviewed the history of APEX Academy since its inception back in 2007 as an innovative LAUSD small high school. He shared the vision passed down from Richard Alonzo, former LAUSD local district superintendent, as that of helping all students all time and not creating “separate but equal” school sites found in the forms of magnets, SLCs, and other specialty magnets that essentially exclude students. The adoption of the Diploma Plus Model was central to the instructional and operational program of APEX, as it has continued for the last ten years. From our experiences with APEX and helping any student any time anywhere, the concept of the Matrix for Success Academy was born, which is now an approved charter. Matrix is really APEX 2.0, with added flexibility and expanded focus on the vulnerable of the vulnerable student populations. Securing the Diploma Plus Model and its intellectual property will allow our model to continue and transform education not only in Los Angeles but across the country.*

**B. Embracing Competency-Based Education**

a. Leading in the movement to redefine success and achievement for ALL students

*Director Paz explained the significance and growth of Competency-Based Education across the US as documented by iNACOL, the national organization promoting, developing, and bringing together schools, districts, states, and universities together to share best practices. Competency-Based education and learning is what Diploma Plus is based on, however, ahead of its times 20 years ago, the work of Diploma Plus is now being validated by the growth of this amazing innovation over the last 5 years. Paz expressed his belief that APEX and Matrix are and will lead the way within the competency based education movement by sharpening our education model and practices.*

**C. Developing the DP model and tools to transform education**

a. The DP Four Essentials

b. DPNG – The Education platform of the future – Preview and context

*Director Lopez and Paz described the developing DPNG competency-based education platform as lead developer/programmer Jeff Jacob described the “flow” of instruction and integration of the Diploma Plus Model and its four essentials. Developer Jacob explained that based on his research and review of similar platforms available both free and at cost, there is no platform similar in breadth and scope available. Director Lopez and developer Jacob proceeded to compare the utility of DPNG and LAUSD’s Schoology LMS, noting the ease of use and intuitiveness being considered within DPNG.*

#### D. Fundraising Efforts/Plans

*Directors Paz and Lopez described and reviewed the various fiscal needs to be able to build DPNG into a comprehensive platform that will take our school model to new heights. It was noted that the platform will be developed with or without fundraising efforts, however, fundraising can potentially accelerate the creation of curriculum and content for the various areas within the platform. Directors and Board Members will revisit a fundraising plan at a future date.*

#### IV. Public Comment

A. TBD

*No public comment*

#### V. Adjournment

a. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM

*Moved by Mattenson, seconded by Shaw-Hawkins, the following vote took place:*

***Adjournment Approved** by the following vote: AYES- Molodow, Getz, Mattenson, Hendrick, Shaw-Hawkins. NAYES – 0, Abstain – 0. Absent – 0*

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