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Elections Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 03.07/2024

I. Call to Order 5:05PM

II. Roll Call

Name	Position	Present/Absent	Required Attendance
Melanie Montes	Elections Commissioner	Present	Yes
Desiree Dawson	Deputy Elections Commissioner	Present	Yes
Jazmin Laughlin	Elections Board Member	Present	Yes
Grace Sancruzado	Elections Board Member	Present	Yes
Johnny Merino	Elections Board Member	Present	Yes

III. Unfinished Business

a. n/a

IV. New Business

a. Campaign Violation 1: Izzy Canizares (Accuser)

i. For several weeks now, posters have been vandalized. And as a transgender student, it causes them discomfort and upset. In terms of elections, there is always someone attempting to destroy their flyers or to prevent people from reading them by covering them with something.

b. Questions Period

i. Grace inquired further about the vandalizing Izzy responds that they had seen the posters vandalized multiple times. They've also heard anti-trans remarks, which makes them uncomfortable. Grace apologized for the circumstances.

ii. Johnny asks where some of the places Izzy has noted this happened. They comment are placed like the library and DM. Mostly where big bulletin boards are present.

iii. Desiree inquires as to whether Izzy knows the candidates directly and whether they have spoken with them. If he had spoken with them, if he could determined what outcome would satisfy everyone? Izzy responds that they don't know the candidates personally but wanted to speak up for what they believe in and see if anything could be done or if this could be utilized as a preventative step.



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- c. Closing Statements: Izzy Canizares
    - i. Izzy is saddened by the outright hatred that people express on school. They do not want this to happen to other students and are concerned about the discrimination that may occur. They are concerned that this hatred has harmed the candidate's campaign. And they wanted to contact us to see what solutions are available and how we can assist.
  - d. Deliberation
    - i. Melanie inquired about the student's possibilities. Larissa responds that there are several forms they can use to report this.
    - ii. Melanie notes that there were students who disputed the elections board's verdict, but the elections have ended. And we must consider the future and what policies we may put in place for upcoming elections.
    - iii. Larriissa discusses the info sessions and other instructions we might provide to candidates such as the election rules, procedures, and resources.
    - iv. Johnny says he researched up how to report stuff. He notes that there are forms available online. With Diversity and Inclusion that fall within the purview of Human Resources. Desiree discusses how DEI is no longer available. Larissa notes that they were renamed, and there is another choice with a comparable position.
    - v. Melanie discusses the best possibilities and tools to help Izzy and future candidates.
  - e. Voting Period
    - i. N/A
- V. Results
- a. Melanie informs Izzy of the reports that Larissa can help with. In addition, there are various options for reporting bullying and harassment. The board determined that they could come from a more educational standpoint, and we intend to incorporate this into our information sessions. But establish info sessions for current running candidates about best practices and roles. So, if a candidate is going through this, they will be aware of the opportunities available.
  - b. Izzy inquires about what they can do about any present candidates who are vandalizing. And what can be done about these individuals?
  - c. Izzy mentions a few names/parties who they have heard rumors about their involvement.
  - d. Jazmin L. asked if there was any strong evidence of this occurring. Izzy claims that there is no video or photographic evidence; it is all word of mouth from people who witnessed.
  - e. Grace S inquires whether these names were mentioned recently or throughout the election. Izzy points out that the exchange is more recent. Grace inquires whether one or multiple individuals notified Izzy. Izzy claims that one individual told them this after hearing from someone else.
  - f. Mel advises Izzy to let whoever gave them this information to notify the board of any incidents they have witnessed so that the board can address any issues.
  - g. Mel indicates that the board will do everything in its ability to assist candidates. And they empathize with Izzy's and the candidates' challenges.



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- VI. Meeting Adjournment
  - a. The meeting adjourned at 5:37pm