



BOARD MEETING

Minutes – February 22nd, 2017

Academia Antonia Alonso School – Library – 1st floor.

Attendees: Maria Alonso, Brian Fahey, Katherine Lee, Maria Matos, Shawn Stevens, Glenn Thompson, Nora Lewis, Ivonne Antongiorgi, Veronica Vasko, Mark Phelps, Penny Epps-McIntosh, Katherine Lewellyn, Joe Smith.

Meeting call to order: 5:42 pm.

Approval of February Agenda

Motion to approve the February agenda moved by Veronica Vasko and seconded by Brian Fahey.

Approval of January Minutes

Motion to approve the January minutes moved by Nora Lewis seconded by Brian Fahey

Public Comment

Mrs. Lewellyn showed concern about the age and grade appropriateness of curriculum learning Greek mythology, describe the Spartan way of life. Dr. Phelps will address the issue.

New Business

- Mindfulness room: list of items to be donated for the room that will be located in the second floor.
- Talking to a few organizations with grants that we can get them to come and teach all of the school. It's a 5 month project. Partnering with the University of Delaware. Moving forward for next school year.
- One PD a month where teachers learn about mindfulness in the classrooms.

Head of School Report

- This week we had audits for DOE: IDEA, Title 2, compliance checks. Title 3 was rescheduled.
- Personnel: we are looking for paraprofessionals.
- Professional development: mindfulness, small groups work,
- Family involvement: Game night last Wednesday. Well attended. Coming up on March 24th: Dance Apalooza is coming up. Salsa lessons, face paint was very successful.
- Flyers and marketing products: to be spelled corrected.

Innovative School Report

- CMO Evaluation: will be completed in March.
- MAP Scores for winter: Make adjustments to make smaller groups. Teaching specific skills that will be tested.
- We adopted the Maravillas Curriculum in Spanish. Teachers have been putting a lot of work to translate the curriculum. Ms. Nieves will be doing the pilot until the end of the year.
- Out of School Suspensions: lower number from last month. With the mindfulness room it will be OSS will be the last resource. It doesn't happen overnight. It's a process.
- Code of Conduct: we can edit accordingly to the mindfulness.
- Children and Families First: They presented the Compassionate school approach. Trauma informed Approach. We will know how to understand their behavior and understanding the students.
- We do have a parent and a teacher in the Board.
- Board training: we are working on addressing the needs to all the members.
- Recommendations in regards to the report: add the narrative on the top.

Committee Reports

- Finance

The period ending January 31, 2017 represents seven months or 58.33% of the fiscal year.

- Revenues

* The preliminary budgeted revenues are \$5,925,633.

* Revenues collected to-date are \$5,803,775 which represent 93.7% of the total budgeted revenues for the year.

* Revenues received in January consist of the following:

o Interest earned \$459

o Local District Receipts \$127,254

o Miscellaneous local refund \$2,994

o State funding \$1,001,424

* State revenue from the unit count has been finalized in the amount of \$3,021,713, which is \$332,775 higher as compared to the preliminary budget.

* Local Revenue from school districts has been finalized and all receipts have been received. The revenue is \$75,438 below the preliminary budget amount. This is due to the reworking of the local charter school bills and Christina settlement.

*We are expecting the \$100,000 from Odyssey Charter School that

- Expenses

* The preliminary budgeted expenditures are \$6,022,298, including Building 26 fit-out.

* Expenses to date are \$3,799,285 and encumbrances of \$97,200 which represents 64.7% of the preliminary budget.

- General

* The final proposed budget was being presented for the Board's approval.

Motion to approve the FY2017 Final budget moved by Maria Matos and seconded by Nora Lewis

Motion to approve the Financial January WebReport moved by Maria Matos seconded by Brian Fahey.

- Governance
- Marketing/Student Recruitment and Fundraising
- Open House last night was very well attended. 5 new families applied last night to update the number.
- Advertorial in News Journal for the Education Guide.
- The invitation letters for parents that applied were sent to get a sense
- Still looking for the outreach specialist. I reached out to the Hispanic group HOLA at UD, LACC workforce development program, Westtown students, plus several postings in different job search websites.
- Ask for Board members
- Greenly is setting up a date with LACC Early childhood program to enroll parents there.
- New Open Houses flyer in Hoy en Delaware and Tiempo Hispano.
- Comcast Newsmakers interview on March 24th with Maria Alonso.
- Reaching out to other schools with waiting lists.
- Call parents that apply to Academia.
- Lists of businesses owned by parents of Academia to help us spread the word.
- Going to community events like Ice Cream Festival, Flower Market, etc.
- Academics
- Waiting to hear from DOE. Revising the Academic Performance Framework and will send the update in April to address the Charter renewal and Charter Goals.
- We are getting ready for the Smarter Balance to focus on skills to get best results.

Old Business

Announcements

Motion to move into Executive session move by Brian Fahey seconded by Nora Lewis

Executive session

60 min.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Maria Matos and seconded by Brian Fahey.