

Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 5th, 2014

Attending: Caridad Alonso, Shawn Stevens, Gary Ferguson, Maria Matos, Bill Hutchinson, Nora Gonzalez, Brian Fahey, Melissa Browne, Jesús Urdiales, Kathy Laskowski, Alexis Simms, Caitlin Dennis (IS), Jane McGonegal (IS), John DiMeglio (IS)

Meeting was called to order at 5:08

I Minutes from February were approved.

Delaware DOE communicated to us that adding second grade for us would have been a major modification the charter. Therefore, we will not pursue adding second grade for 2014.

II School Leader Update

Personnel Committee-The committee met to finalize the interview process. Interview dates are scheduled for March. The first session is on Tuesday, March 11th. We are still accepting applications. Eleven will be coming to interview. Between twenty and thirty applications were received.

Facility-The Community Council has been meeting to discuss essential services at the CEB. The costs for shared positions and services are already in our budget, but we need to specifically allocate the funds. The CEB is negotiating these positions and services presently, but if they are not successful we may have to do some of that on our own.

Academic Committee-Met last month to work on documents addressing teacher capacity, professional development calendars and curriculum maps. The committee's work is ongoing. There is still a lot of work to be done.

Marketing and Recruitment-We have seen some recent activity in applications. We have also lost a few applications. Some students did not meet our August 31st cut-off dates. We will need to assess these students to make sure that they are going to be ready for kindergarten. Also, some of our applicants have accepted offers from other charter schools. We have ninety-seven students to date, seventy in K and twenty-seven in first grade. The committee is continuing to hold presentations and events to recruit students. Our applications are coming from multiple sources.

III Finance Committee

We are currently below our target regarding enrollment. We need to plan for a discussion in the near future with the state regarding financial viability. The Committee met recently to review the state system, allowing Nora to get acquainted with it. We have paid the franchise tax, but there are no other updates. The committee will continue to meet weekly.

The status of our 501c3 is still unresolved. Senator Carper's staff has agreed to expedite the application.

IV CMO Update

E school training has been completed by Jesus and IS. There will be events for families at the CEB to collect intent to enroll forms.

We will need to review the Board Policy Manual at our next meeting.

The CMO is staying current with the work plan.

V New Business

Joint Fundraising Committee-Gary and Jesús met with this committee recently. Discussions with this group are ongoing.

We may be exploring the possibility of sub-letting some of our space if we have that flexibility.

There was no public comment and there were no members of the public present.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.