

La Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School
Board Meeting
November 23rd, 2015
Community Education Building

Attending: Veronica Vasko, Janis Oppenheimer (IS), Brian Fahey, Mark Phelps, Luz-Elena Garcilazo, Norma Ivonne Antongiorgi, Maria Alonso, Maria Matos, Riccardo Stoeckicht (IS)

I Approval of Agenda

- i. Brian made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Maria A. The agenda was approved with no objections or abstentions.

II Approval of October Minutes

- i. Maria A. made a motion to approve the October minutes, seconded by Veronica. The minutes were approved without objections or abstentions.

III Public Comment

- i. There were no members of the public present. There was no public comment.

IV Committee Reports

* Finance

- i. The monthly reporting package was reviewed. Mark reported on the reallocation of some resources. The projected expenses were revised in order to add paraprofessionals, make two out of school student placements and resolve the costs for transportation, which were outpacing the figures in the original projected budget.
- ii. Protecting the cash balance this year is important as we look ahead to increasing our enrollment next year, which will necessitate a larger lease payment.
- iii. The monthly IA, MA, approved with no objections or abstentions.

* Governance

- i. Luz reported on the list of policies that the school has to have. We need to update some of the required policies and will consider drafting other policies that we deem necessary.

* Marketing/Student Recruitment

- i. Veronica reported on open houses, which are going well. There are still four evening open houses remaining.
- ii. Veronica has been visiting area pre-schools to let them know about our school.
- iii. We are still interviewing people to work for the school in doing outreach and student recruitment.
- iv. Several ideas were discussed regarding student/family recruitment.

* Academics

- i. Next meeting is scheduled for December 8th. Mark will be providing an update on the Common Core and EL learning targets for K-2. The committee will also be seeking information on RTI initiatives.
- ii. Maria A. asked a question about the review of the Spanish curriculum. Luz will be meeting soon with Mark and the committee to review the Spanish curriculum to make sure that it is coordinated from K-2.
- iii. The committee will also be looking at the ways that the school is benchmarking new students to the school so that we can discover their skills in both languages upon entry.

V Head of School Report

- i. Still have \$25,000 in the professional development fund. Mark has arranged PD directly related to the Spanish curriculum, which will occur in December.
- ii. Facilities update: the majority of repairs that were needed to be made as a result of water damage have been made.
- iii. Student Success Nights have been well attended and were productive. MAP scores were shared with parents.
- iv. The school continues to work on updating records in order to improve communications.
- v. Mark is consulting with DE DOE Office of Language Acquisition to plan PD for this year and to plan ahead for the new Spanish assessment that will be implemented next school year.
- vi. Faculty will be visiting dual-language schools in December.
- vii. EL trainings are ongoing.
- viii. Report cards were sent home on November 20th.
- ix. RTI Cycle 2 (academic) has commenced for 1st and 2nd grades. RTI (behavioral) is ongoing and is conducted in small group settings.
- x. Expedition Night will be on December 16th at the CEB.

VI CMO Report

- i. Innovative Schools reported on the areas where they have been supporting the school. The report detailed goals, activities and next steps.

VII Old Business

- i. There was no old business.

VIII New Business

- i. We need to complete a grant report for the Laffey-McHugh Foundation. It is due on December 4th. Mark will work on completing the report. The funds were used in support of the school employing an interventionist.

IX Announcements

Motion was made by Veronica to move to executive session, seconded by Ivonne. The Board moved to executive session at 7:12 pm.

Motion was made by Veronica to come out of executive session, seconded by Ivonne. The Board returned from executive session at 7:54 pm.

Brian moved to adjourn, seconded by Maria M. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.