

La Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School
Board Meeting
October 26th, 2015
Community Education Building

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 pm.

Attending: Veronica Vasko, Shawn Stevens, Luz Garcilazo, Maria Alonso, Norma Antongiorgi, Brian Fahey, Mónica Ruiz Melendez, Bob Wright (Gunnip), Riccardo Stoeckicht (IS), Karen Thorpe (IS), Vivian Perry (La Academia), Janis Oppenheimer (IS)

I Approval of Agenda

i. Shawn Stevens made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Brian Fahey. The agenda was approved with no objections and no abstentions.

II Approval of Minutes

i. Motion made by Maria Alonso to approve August minutes, seconded by Veronica Vasko. August minutes were approved with no objections and no abstentions.

ii. Motion made by Luz Garcilazo to approve September minutes, seconded by Maria Alonso. September minutes were approved with no objections and no abstentions.

Public Comment

i. There were no members of the public present.

Committee Reports

Finance

i. The Board reviewed the draft audit and there was a brief discussion. Motion made by Ivonne Antongiorgi to approve the draft audit, seconded by Luz Garcilazo. The motion to approve the audit passed with no objections and no abstentions.

ii. The monthly reporting package was presented and there was a brief discussion. Motion made by Brian Fahey to approve the report, seconded by Veronica Vasko. The monthly reporting package was approved with no objections or abstentions.

iii. There was a brief discussion concerning the formation of a policy for capitalization and depreciation of assets. Motion was made by Luz Garcilazo, seconded by Maria Alonso, to adopt a policy that uses \$1,000 as a threshold for capitalization. Regarding depreciation the policy will set 5 years for furniture and fixtures and three years for computer equipment as thresholds. The motion to approve the policy was approved with no objections or abstentions.

Policy Committee

i. Policy discussions are scheduled for the Executive Session.

Marketing

- i. The school will be hosting daytime tours and open houses soon. The dates are posted on the website. Board members are encouraged to attend open houses.
- ii. The school had a presence at the Latino Summit. There were not many families there, but we were able to create some visibility for the school and to network with community leaders.
- iii. The website continues to be improved, with the addition of several features that make it more user friendly and helpful to parents.
- iv. The Committee is recruiting people who could help us with student recruitment.

Academic

- i. The Committee met recently to outline goals and objectives.
- ii. We have some initial results from the standardized testing that the school has been carrying out.
- iii. The Committee will continue to look at the implementation of the dual language and Expeditionary Learning programs.

Head of School Report

- i. The Community Council met recently. At an upcoming council meeting they will be working on building relationships between the schools.
- ii. The CEB is working on a strategic plan and would like to attend an upcoming board meeting to share the plan.

CMO Report

- i. Riccardo shared some ideas about reorganizing the work of the CMO, making management more effective with a goal of continuous improvement and growth.
- ii. The CMO reported on its efforts at the school in support of the educational model, leadership support, business services, enrollment and human relations.

Old Business

- i. There was a brief report concerning the Latino Summit.

New Business

- i. The Board will have a working session in November, date TBD.
- ii. We need volunteers for upcoming open house events.
- iii. Nominations for board officers or board members should be forwarded to Luz. Names will be sent to the Nominating Committee.

Executive Session

- i. The Board moved to executive session at 7:32.
- ii. Motion made by Brian Fahey to come out of executive session, seconded by Shawn Stevens. The Board came out of executive session at 7:42.
- iii. Motion to adjourn made by Maria Alonso, seconded by Veronica Vasko. Meeting adjourned at 7:43.

