

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

Meeting called to order at 5:50 p.m.

Agenda was approved.

We were unable to approve August minutes because we did not receive them on time.

Public comment

Parent asked: When are the minutes posted?

Parent shared concerns on behalf of parents:

1. Parents would like more kid friendly meals. Children don't find food appealing and so do not eat it.
2. Parents had concerns regarding prepping of food. The kids complained that the grapes smelled like onions.
3. Concern with the children learning. Parents perceive that children are falling behind.
4. Parents perceive that Kinder students are doing things in curriculum that are appropriate for PreK.
5. When can parents expect answers regarding the questions they offered at the last board meeting?
6. Concern that student count is more important than who is here. Parents believe that the school is in need of more paraprofessionals.
7. Before and after care, boys and girls club want an opportunity to propose something for the school and they are willing to get licensing.
8. Lunch time is too close to breakfast in terms of timing.
9. How is the search for paraprofessionals going?

Head of School Report: Mark Phelps

1. Currently at 324 children.
2. September 10th Academia Stars Event. Well attended.
3. Personnel- A teacher resigned. Lourdes Ruiz Arthur.
4. CAL coming for a workshop.
5. October 9th a select group of students will be performing. IDEA Awards.
6. October 16th a Hispanic Heritage Month Performance. Concerns about where the performance is taking place. Cost is an issue.
7. MAP tests completed and students have been placed in groups.

Riccardo Stoeckicht reviewed the Financial Report:

1. The school is in very good shape and heading in the right direction.
2. We do not have concerns about the unit count as we have 324 children.

3. Discussed that there are 14 children needing special ed services.  
Title III was discussed by Antongiorgi. Thought that we can qualify for Title III.
4. Motion that we approve this report upon final approval of our Treasurer, Brian Fahey.

#### Marketing and Student Recruitment- Veronica Vasko

1. Social Media is updated regularly.
2. Payment Issue. Processing of invoice payments are being reviewed.
3. Collaborating with the PTA
4. Code of Conduct needs to be translated into Spanish as well and posted on the website.
5. Need someone to help with outreach and recruitment during the day. They must be bilingual to help families that do not speak English.
6. Posting articles on the brain and the benefits of being bilingual.

#### Academic Committee- Antongiorgi

1. Meeting monthly. Next meeting is October 13th.
2. Agreement with DOE for benchmarking language acquisition . Need to clarify in order to track student performance. Academic Performance Metrics.
3. The school is clearly creating a Cultural and Linguistic infusion of experiences (eg- Bomba Y Plena; Hispanic Heritage Performance) that truly conveys the mission of the school.
4. Considering creating an academic oversight committee.
5. Available metrics out on the market to measure language proficiency.

Innovative Schools Report- Riccardo Stoekart presented in the absence of Theresa Gerchman  
The board is asking IS to provide more specific information about what services they are providing so that we can learn what we are going to be taking over in the future. That is, how we will go about building capacity in the school. Discussion of best ways to provide information.  
Outcome performance was agreed upon as the best data to gather for the use of the board.

Old Business- none

#### New Business

Analucida Hurtado- attorney who is bilingual being reviewed by the board as a new board member. Shawn Stevens made a motion to approve her as a board member. Seconded by Monica Ruiz Melendez. All approved.

#### Announcement

Latino Summit October 22nd, 2015.