

Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Location

2635 Howard St Detroit, MI 48216

MISSION STATEMENT: Prepare, educate, and inspire every child, every day to be lifelong leaders and learners in our 21st-century world.

Directors Present

A. Bordeianu, C. Stamatina, G. Farmer, L. Chittum, M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

A. Ulloa, Dahiem Gordon, L. Coggins, Michelle Hadous, S. Johnson, S. Townsin, S. Yassine

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Stamatina called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Oct 22, 2019 at 6:38 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Approve the October 22, 2019, regular Board meeting Agenda.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

G. Farmer Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

L. Chittum Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

III. Consent Agenda Item

A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

G. Farmer made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on 09-24-19 Regular Meeting on 09-24-19.

A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Chittum Aye

G. Farmer Aye

M. Barbour Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

IV. Reports

A. September 2019 Financials

September 2019 financial reports were presented by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins highlighting cash on hand, year-to-date revenues, year-to-date expenditures, and the current fund balance in a summarized format. The financials are in order. Dr. Coggins informed the board of the recent decrease in charter schools' pupil funding. Sanga Management and Dr. Coggins have already begun to strategize budget plans.

B. 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Michelle Hadous, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Project Director presented the grant budget to the Board of Directors. Dahiem Gordon, Site Coordinator shared the after-school program recent and upcoming events highlights. Ana Ulloa, Sanga Management CEO commended the 21st Century Community Learning Centers for their leadership and connection with the students.

C.

Sanga Monthly Management Report

The Sanga Management report was presented by Sean Townsin and Stephanie Yassine.

The academy has concluded all initial NWEA MAP testing for the fall. Mr. Townsin shared the Board of Directors the measures that the authorizer will utilize to assess the academic health of its authorized schools. On Tuesday, October 29, 2019, The Center for Charter Schools CMU will be conducting a Site and Facility Review. A snapshot of the NWEA Spanish reading assessment data for Spanish proficiency growth on a standardized test was presented. The academy has one staffing need and has been actively interviewing candidates for the third-grade vacancy. Mr. Townsin is very hopeful that the right candidate will be selected. The leadership team is continuing to work in conjunction with the Detroit Children's Fund and SchoolWorks to support effective teaching through coaching cycles.

The academy is working closely with Dr. Lorilyn Coggins to ensure all activities stated in the School Improvement Plan are in alignment with documents submitted to the State of Michigan. Dr. Coggins informed the board that the Consolidation Application was approved.

Ms. Yassine updated the Board of Trustees on the school building, playground, modular updates. The AHERA Asbestos Management Plan has been approved by the State of Michigan for the school facility. The academy is still eagerly awaiting the update from the Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) regarding the building plan approval for the modular.

Ana Ulloa shared a reflection with the Board of Trustees, "We are building a culture of learning at Escuela Avancemos Academy".

V. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

None at this time.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments

The Board of Trustees attended a board retreat on October 11th & 12th. Committees were created to strengthen the overall goals of the academy. Madame President Cristina Stamatin expressed the need to keep up the great energy as the team strives to exceed all expectations. Madame Vice President thanked everyone for attending the board retreat and collaborating on the goal settings. Board of Trustees Secretary Monica Barbour is happy to see that the goals from the board retreat are already coming together. Board of Trustees Treasurer Linda Chittum is excited to know the academy is going in the right direction. Board of Trustees Member Mariva Gonzalez is pleased with the presentation of the school. Board of Trustees Member Gregory Farmer is really impressed with the academic report presentation.

Madame President Cristina Stamatina informed the Board of Trustees of a scheduled virtual introduction with potential board member candidate Mr. Bruno Olvera.

VI. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

B. Adjourn Meeting

M. Barbour made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

G. Farmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Barbour Aye

L. Chittum Aye

G. Farmer Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

C. Stamatina Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson