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Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday August 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Location
Join Zoom Meeting
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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 (remote), C. Stamatin (remote), L. Chittum (remote), M. Barbour (remote), M. Gonzalez (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Bordeianu

Guests Present
J. Joubert (remote), L. Coggins (remote), L. McClintic (remote), S. Johnson (remote), S. Yassine (remote), bwakeling@hoekstrainc.com (remote), jcastillejo@theeaacademy.org (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

C. Stamatin called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Aug 25, 2020 at 6:42 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

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L. Chittum made a motion to approve August 25, 2020 board meeting agenda.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Absent
L. Chittum	Aye

III. Consent Agenda Item

A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board Meeting (Virtual) on 08-05-20.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye

IV. New Business

A. 2020-2021 School Calendar Amendment Resolution

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the amended 2020-2021 School Calendar to delay the official first day of school to September 8, 2020.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Absent
M. Barbour	Aye

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye

B. Hoekstra Transportation Purchase Approval Resolution

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Hoekstra Transportation bid for the purchase of two school buses for the academy.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
Ana Ulloa stated that the school bus transportation drivers will be outsourced through Apollo Transportation.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Chittum	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Absent
C. Stamatin	Aye

C. Title IX Special Release Board Policy Updates

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Title IX Special Release board policies.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Aye
M. Barbour	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye

A. Bordeianu arrived.

V. Reports

A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report

Stephanie Yassine presented the 21st Century Community Learning Centers report to the Board of Directors. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers had a successful summer program session with approximately 15 students. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety guidelines for COVID-19 personal protective equipment was provided to each student and staff. Almost all of the summer programming was held outside. Moreover, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers will be holding virtual programming in September that will include a host of activities. Madame President Cristina Stamatin would like the programming activities links for the board to participate.

B.

Charter Schools Program Grant Monthly Report

Dr. Lorilyn Coggins presented the Charter School Program Grant current month and cumulative amounts with the Board of Directors as required to be presented monthly at each board meeting.

C. JULY FINANCIALS

July 2020 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.

D. Sanga Monthly Management Report

The Sanga Monthly management report was presented by Lyndsey McClintic, Stephanie Yassine, and Ana Ulloa. Lyndsey McClintic provided the academics and assessment overview of the report presentation. The academy is prioritizing and focusing the 2020-2021 school year professional development on both the staff and families. This is why the academy has prioritized the three core value key ingredients to lead the school year as Academic Excellence, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Growth Mindset. Under the guidance and financial support of Detroit Children's Fund, the academy will be implementing iReady as another form of assessment to give teachers a foundational understanding of students' strengths and areas of need. The Instructional Leader is working closely with the academy's Spanish teachers to further develop the Spanish curriculum that is aligned with the English Language Arts program to promote bi-literacy through a virtual platform. Stephanie Yassine expressed a special thanks to Beatrice Hill for exceptional student recruitment efforts in a virtual world. Ms. Yassine announced The Return to Learn Legislation recent updates to the Board of Directors surrounding student count day for the 2020-2021 school year. The academy's recently hired Dean of Curriculum and Instruction Jimmy Castellijo was introduced to the board of directors. Madame President Cristina Stamatin requested an updated staff roster with positions for reference. Sanga Management, in collaboration with the Instructional Leader, has been working tirelessly to ensure families have the resources and tools necessary to kick off a strong start of the school year. This includes Parent Technology Distribution, Fodd Distribution, and School Supplies. Stephanie Yassine and the school's instructional team are working with Detroit Children's Foundation and SchoolWorks Coach, Debon Lewis on completing the 2020-2021 strategic plan for the academy for upholding priority core values such as Academic Excellence, DEI, and Growth Mindset. Lastly, safety precautions and personal protective equipment has been ordered and installed in the school building. COVID cleaning training has been completed for the custodial staff and high-frequency touchpoints cleaning schedules have been created to ensure that every 2-3 hours these areas are cleaned. Deep cleaning throughout the building will occur after school each day and on Fridays. COVID questionnaire and temperature checks procedures are in place and will be completed for everyone that enters the school building.

VI. Extended Public Comment:

A. This public comment section is reserved for all remaining comments.

No extended public comments at this time.

VII. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Central Michigan University Field Operations School Lead, Jennifer Joubert commended the team for always being on top of everything. The announcements that were going to be shared by the center have already been completed or started the completion process by the team. The Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan is due to the center on September 15, 2020.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments

The Board of Directors welcomed all of the academy's new hires and are looking forward to another great school year. Congratulations to the team for dealing with transitions and keeping the academy's mission and vision statement first for educating students at such a high level. Madame Vice President Andreea Bordeianusuggested that a glossary of education terms for services resource be created for the board as a reference guide. Madame President Cristina Stamatin mentioned the need to update the Board on Track goals and form sub-committees. Board Retreat scheduling is in the pipeline.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 6:30 pm at Escuela Avancemos! Academy; 2635 Howard St Detroit, MI 48216.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 22, 2020,

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Board Secretary Date