

# Escuela Avancemos! Academy

## Minutes

### Escuela Avancemos Board Meeting (Virtual)

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

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#### Directors Present

A. Bordeianu (remote), L. Chittum (remote), M. Barbour (remote), M. Gonzalez (remote)

#### Directors Absent

C. Stamatina

#### Guests Present

A. Ulloa (remote), Aisha Zeben (remote), Beatriz Hill (remote), Brennah Grace Donahue (remote), Dahiem Gordon (remote), L. Coggins (remote), L. McClintic (remote), Lewis Williams

Gray (remote), Luna Terauchi (remote), Michelle Hadous (remote), S. Johnson (remote), S. Yassine (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bordeianu called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Feb 23, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

## II. Approval of Agenda

### A. Approval of Agenda

L. Chittum made a motion to approve February 23, 2021 board meeting agenda.  
M. Barbour seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

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

## III. Consent Agenda Item

### A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the minutes from Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) on 1-26-2021 Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) on 01-26-21.  
L. Chittum seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

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

## IV. New Business

### A.

**Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans ("ECLP") Actions Resolution. Any public comment on the Extended COVID Learning Report?**

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("ECLP") as previously presented to the Academy's board.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

C. Stamatina Absent

L. Chittum Aye

M. Barbour Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Gonzalez Aye

**B. Resolution Requesting a Contract Amendment**

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Resolution Requesting a Contract Amendment between Central Michigan University and Escuela Avancemos Academy to expand into 8th grade, increase projected school enrollment from 375 to 425 students for the 2021-2022 school year, and add a modular unit to the Academy's site located at 2635 Howard St, Detroit, MI 48216.

M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Stephanie Yassine, Executive Director provided a detailed summary of the amended items. Board

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

**Roll Call**

M. Gonzalez Aye

A. Bordeianu Aye

M. Barbour Aye

L. Chittum Aye

C. Stamatina Absent

**V. Reports**

**A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report**

Michelle Hadous and Dahime Gordon presented the 21st Century Community Learning Centers monthly programming and budget report to the Board of Directors.

**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. January Financials**

January 2021 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 Management monthly report was presented by Lyndsey McClintic, Ana Ulloa, and Stephanie Yassine. The school leadership team is working vehemently to put together a plan for hybrid learning that prioritizes the safety of our staff and families and delivers the highest quality instruction possible on a limited schedule. Leadership is keeping a close eye on the temperature pulse of the parents and staff for returning back into brick and mortar. Lyndsey McClintic presented the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Goal Mid-Year Progress Report. The report included the median growth percentiles reflecting fall-to-winter and fall-to-spring scaled score growth in grades K to 7 on reading and math. NWEA Growth tests will be at or higher than 50. Accodales were given to the 7th-grade teacher Tiffany Rhymes for exceeding the Math and reading growth percentile. Although the academy expects to see growth from year to year in the number of students projected to be proficient, it can be seen through the data that students at Escuela Avacemos are holding steady in regards to projected proficiency in math and trending downward in reading. The Instructional leadership Team is working to streamline and solidify reading instruction in the virtual classroom. Ana Ulloa thanked Lyndsey McClintic for sharing honest feedback. Madam Vice President Andreea Bordieanu thanked Lyndsey McClintic for working on differentiated strategies best practices for delivering instruction. The academy's fourth-grade teacher, Alexandra Hafer, has put together a proposal to take the lead on an ESL program targeting Level 1s (Language Acquisition Level 1 - Entry) in grades 3-7. This program will provide access to additional instructional time in English with supports in the native language (Spanish) to ensure rapid acquisition. The academy is currently in the planning stages of this program and will report more updates as they become available. Madam Vice President Andreea Bordeianu will share additional bi-literacy resources for Lyndsey McClintic to review. The academy student enrollment is currently at 344.

Sanga met with Monsignor Kosanke of St. Anne's Parish and he approved a portion of the parking lot to be used for the second modular. Stephanie Yassine pointed out to the board that once the snow is removed Innovative Modular Solutions will sample the soil to ensure that the modular can be installed in that space. Stephanie Yassine was able to secure a proposal that is agreeable with the requirements from the academy's authorizer Central Michigan University. In preparation for opening the Learning Labs on March 1,

2021, classrooms have been deep cleaned, setup for social distancing and fully stocked with PPE items.

## **VI. Extended Public Comment:**

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

Brennah Grace Donahue, a third-grade teacher shared a glow for the academy on behalf of one of her parents. The parent had never experienced a school that was so committed to not only the students but their families as well as.

## **VII. Board Comments**

### **A. Authorizer Comments**

Jennifer Joubert was unable to join the meeting due to schedule conflicts. Ms. Joubert reached out to the Board President and Liaison to inquire if any additional support was needed.

### **B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments**

Escuela Avancemos Academy's Board of Directors thanked Sanga Management, Dr. Coggins, and the academy's staff for their support in educating children by making sure the mission and vision are followed. The board appreciates all of the work in providing the detailed reports that were presented. The word "Trust" was the word choice for the board meeting. The board truly trusts that everyone is doing their part in educating children.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6:30 pm at Escuela Avancemos! Academy; Zoom meeting.

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Johnson

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Approved by the Board of Trustees on March 23, 2021,

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Board Secretary Date