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Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting (Virtual)

Date and Time
Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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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

Guests Present

A. Ulloa (remote), Beatrice Hill (remote), Brennah Grace Donahue (remote), Dahime Gordon (remote), J. Joubert (remote), L. Coggins (remote), L. McClintic (remote), Michelle Hadous (remote), S. Johnson (remote), S. Yassine (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 May 18, 2021 at 6:32 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

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M. Barbour made a motion to approve May 18, 2021 board meeting agenda.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Consent Agenda Item

A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting (Virtual) on 04-27-21.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. New Business

A.

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

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan ("ECLP") as previously presented to the Academy's board.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Borrowing Resolution

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the Authorizing Issurance of Note in Anticipation of State School Aid September Borrowing Through The Michigan Finance Authority.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

V. Reports

A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report

Michelle Hadous, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Director presented the monthly programming and budget report to the Board of Directors. The tutoring program is going well. Currently, 21st CCLC is using the iReady system to help students that are struggling with reading in grades K-1. The summer programming will be offered for eight weeks Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am-11:30 am (Academic segment provided by the academy) and 11:30-2 pm (Enrichment segment provided by 21st CCLC). The partnership with the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Center will continue this summer for field trip visits. The Detroit Zoo is also hosting a private dinner event in June for all site families, students, and staff. Stephanie Yassine, Executive Director acknowledged Michelle Hadous and Dahime Gordon for being flexible both with working with the academy leadership to bring this opportunity to the students and the funding.

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. April Financials

April 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 Stephanie Yassine, Lyndsey McClintic, and Ana Ulloa. Lyndsey McClintic shared the CMU New School Site visit synopsis and thanked the board for allowing the teachers/students the opportunity to work/learn in a consistent environment. The NSS findings are helpful data for the leadership team to use to reflect on which best practices have worked in the virtual learning environment that can be transferred to the brick and mortar classrooms. As a part of the monthly diversity studies curriculum, the teachers created a school-wide celebration and learning opportunity for the month of April dedicated to community service. The academy is currently preparing for our spring benchmark assessment. There has been communication with the staff and families about optional testing environments in the remote setting.Though remote testing is not the ideal environment for accurate data, the academy will still be able to compare data and have a more clear understanding of where we are in approaching or reaching our growth targets set for this year. Lyndsey McClintic and Stephanie Yassine shared a "Community Service" Powerpoint presentation to the board.
Stephanie Yassine provided an update on the modular install. The preparation work has begun for the installation of the 4 classroom modular. Escuela has coordinated with the CHASS clinic to offer a vaccine fair for parents and community members hosted at the academy. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 26th with fun activities and serves as a student recruitment fair. Recruitment efforts are being made for both instructional staff and students. Sanga hosted two successful information sessions and expects to be fully staffed by fall 2021. Ana Ulloa expressed a heartfelt "thank you" to Stephanie Yassine, Lyndsey McClintic, and Shan'Ta Johnson for the insane amount of work that is done on a daily basis and is very passionate about their work. This is truly an example of what it means to lead with heart and mind.

VI. Extended Public Comment:

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

Brennah Grace Donahue, a third-grade teacher, is joyful to be a part of the Escuela Avancemos Academy team and is looking forward to the future.

VII. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

Jennifer Joubert, Central Michigan University's Field Operations Representative, mentioned the Center is encouraging boards to inquiry about what schools are doing with the extra funding. Dr. Coggins, Stephanie Yassine, and Lyndsey McClintic are already in discussion about the extra funding.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments

Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors is very appreciative of the team and look forward to the opportunity to participate in the monthly board meetings. It is an honor to be a part of this board. The academy has come a long way and is very proud of the progress. The team continues to make the hard work look so seamless. It was expressed that Dr. Coggins does a phenomenal job for maintaining a healthy budget. International Children's Day is June 1st.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board President has requested the Annual Board Meeting and Budget Hearing to be rescheduled for Monday, June 21st. The Center for Charter Schools will be notified of the cancellation of the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

APPROVED by the Board Trustees on June 21, 2021.

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Board Secretary Date