APPROVED

Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting (In-Person)

Date and Time
Tuesday February 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Location
Room 302

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

Directors Present
C. Stamatin, M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

Directors Absent
A. Bordeianu, L. Chittum

Guests Present
Breenah Grace Donahue, Dahime Gordon, L. Coggins, L. McClintic, S. Johnson, S. Ovares, S. Yassine

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 Feb 22, 2022 at 6:42 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve February 22, 2022 board meeting agenda.

M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Chittum	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
M. Barbour	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 12-14-21.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. New Business

A. Resolution to Approve Audit 2022 Letter of Engagement from Wilkerson & Associates P.C.

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the Audit 2022 Letter of Engagement from Wilkerson & Associates P.C.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of the 2021-22 Amended Budget

M. Barbour made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as amended; to make appropriations; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations, and to provide for the disposition of all income received by Escuela Avancemos.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Resolution to Approve the 2022-23 Enrollment Period and Lottery

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Year Enrollment Period and Lottery.
M. Barbour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. 2022 Escuela Avancemos Academy Board Retreat

The Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors will hold a two-day Board Retreat for the purpose of discussing the Board Leadership and the topics as deemed appropriate. Stephanie Yassine presented the board retreat lodging and meeting itinerary.

E. 2021-22 Educational Goals Mid-Year Report

The Escuela Avancemos Academy School Instructional Leaders Lyndsey McClintic (K-3) and Dr. Steven Ovares (4th-8th) reported the Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b, and Section 104a required accomplishments of established educational and academic goals.

V. Reports

A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report

Dahime Gordon, Site Program Director, presented the monthly programming activities and budget report. The 21st CCLC board report title "The Dearborn Academy Cohort" is the cohort title and is not directed to the school that is listed. The report is for all four 21st CCLC sites.
Madam President Cristina Stamatin suggested that the 21st CCLC should consider posting upcoming events flyers around the school. This may increase student

participation. Board Trustee Mariva Gonzalez suggested carpooling with other families to help with transportation barriers.

B. Charter Schools Program Grant Monthly Report

Dr. Coggins presented an overview of the Charter School Program Grant data that is required to be presented monthly at each board meeting.

C. January Financials

January 2022 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 (K-3rd Instructional Leader), Dr. Steven Ovares (4th-8th Instructional Leader), and Stephanie Yassine (Sanga Consulting Executive Director). The academics and assessment portion of the report was presented by the Instructional Leaders. The Academy has returned to in-person learning as of January 31, 2022. Grade level planning, teacher observations, and weekly coaching sessions have resumed. One of the Instructional Leaders Team will provide teachers with written feedback within the School Mint teacher observation platform once a week. The Instructional and School Leadership Team will be diving into the Middle of Year (MOY) diagnostic data for NWEA and i-Ready and Middle of Year (MOY) Data Collection on Wednesday, February 23, 2022. As a result of the positive feedback received from Central Michigan University, the academy has been asked to present at their August Annual Charter Conference meeting.

NWEA median conditional growth percentiles report was presented to the Board of Directors. The report highlighted each grade level as the median conditional growth percentile in the area of math and reading. MSTEP and PSAT projected proficiency data charts were shared with the Board of Directors. Madam President Cristina Stamatin asked the Instructional Team, how are we comparing to other surrounding charter and district schools in the area? Is there anything in place to push the margin and how can the board support it? The Instructional Leaders commented, "We must continue to push students for academic growth." I-Ready annual typical growth charts were also presented to the Board of Directors to outline the median percent progress towards "Typical Growth" for the school.
During Black History month, the Academy acknowledges & celebrates Black History Month. To honor Black contributions, history, excellence, and resilience all year, including February, a Black History Month committee is celebrating with the theme “I did it first”.

Classes have chosen an individual who paved the way or set a record, and are researching and designing a poster board with their findings. On 3/4/22, the school will become a “mini-museum” and classes will walk the school halls to view everyone’s contributions. Madam President Cristina Stamatin, requested for the mini-museum to be posted on social media and the school's website. The Academy is looking forward to celebrating International Mother Language Day throughout the building for the last week of February/the first week of March.

Stephanie Yassine presented the management section of the report. The Academy currently has 35 students receiving Special Education services, with a high percentage receiving speech and language and resource room. The Academy is actively seeking to hire a resource room teacher for our growing special education population. The Academy is currently at 370 student enrollment. The Academy’s student enrollment for Spring Count is 366. A total of 7 positive student COVID cases were reported during January. As the academy was virtual for January, these cases were not contracted within the school building. A total of 2 positive COVID cases among staff were reported in February. Both cases were contracted outside of the school building. Currently, the Detroit Health Department has not released information on the mask mandate within the City of Detroit. The academy expects to maintain our mask mandate until further notice and will seek to review policies in early April. A board policy regarding mask mandates may become necessary and Sanga will continue to update the board if required.
In partnership with our landlord, Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD), the school building’s HVAC rooftop unit will be replaced. The air filtration is properly working throughout the building. The project is slated to be completed in Summer 2022. Per our lease agreement reviewed by Mr. Butler, the School Board is legally obligated to cover the cost of the unit. In good faith, the AOD has committed to supporting the cost and presented two options to the Academy:

- Option 1: The School Board covers half the cost of the rooftop unit, for $75,000 paid at the start of the project.
- Option 2: The School Board pays installments of $15,000 over 10 years or until the Board no longer occupies the property, which comes first. The school will not be obligated to continue the yearly installments if we vacate the premises before the 10 years. Additional information will be presented to the board as no decision is required at this time.

Outside lighting electrical repair has been postponed until Spring break (due to holiday break inclement weather) to ensure that more time is allotted to this project while students and staff are not onsite. The repair will be completed at the cost of Vest Modulars.

VI. Extended Public Comment:

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

No extended comments at this time.

VII. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

Jennifer Joubert was unable to join the board meeting due to a schedule conflict.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments

The Board of Directors is very pleased with how the Academy is traveling. The student academic growth margins are progressing well. The Academy's Management, Instructional, and School Leadership team are doing a remarkable job with being proactive instead of reactive. Accolades were expressed to Dr. Coggins for a healthy budget and financial presentation. The board is highly impressed with the 21st CCLC programming and activities for the students. It's great to know that Escuela Avancemos celebrates diversity in our school community. Madam President encouraged the Board of Trustees, Sanga Management, and Instructional Leaders to consider attending the National Charter Schools Conference in June. The NCSC is a great way to learn and connect with other charter schools to bridge the gap in education. The Board of Directors is looking forward to the Board Retreat and collaborating together as a team.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

Approved by the Board of trustees on March 22, 2022,

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Board Secretary **Date**