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Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Escuela Avancemos Annual Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday June 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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. Stamatin, L. Chittum, M. Gonzalez

Directors Absent
M. Barbour

Guests Present
A. Ulloa, Dahime Gordon, L. Coggins (remote), 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 Thursday Jun 16, 2022 at 6:33 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

A. Bordeianu made a motion to approve June 16, 2022 board meeting agenda.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Barbour	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
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 IN-PERSON on 05-17-22.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. New Business

A. Election of Officers

L. Chittum made a motion to make no changes to the Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors' elected offices. Cristina Stamatin President, Andreea Bordeianu Vice President, Linda Chittum Treasurer, Monica Barbour Secretary, and Mariva Gonzalez Board Trustee.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Board Corresponding Agent

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint Shan'Ta Johnson as the Board Corresponding Agent.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approval of McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Liaison

L. Chittum made a motion to appoint the School Social Worker as the Homeless Children and Youth Liaison.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of Chief Administrative Officer Designation

M. Gonzalez made a motion to appoint the Board Treasurer Linda Chittum as the Chief Administrative Officer.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Title IX Representative

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint Stephanie Yassine as the academy's Title IX Representative.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approval of Designation of Legal Counsel

L. Chittum made a motion to appoint Dickinson Wright PLLC to represent the academy in all ongoing business mtters.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approval of Freedom of Information Act Representative

L. Chittum made a motion to appoint Shan'Ta Johnson as the Freedom of Information Act Representative.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approval of the Office of Civil Rights Representative

M. Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Stephanie Yassine as the academy's Civil Rights Representative.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. Approval of School Safety Liaison

A. Bordeianu made a motion to appoint Ana Ulloa as the School Safety Commission Liaison.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Approval of the 2021-2022 Amended Budget

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Amended Budget.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approval of the 2022-2023 Projected Operating Budget

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Projected Budget.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
Madam Vice President Andreea Bordeianu asked for clarification regarding salaries needing to be competitive? Dr. Coggins stated to the board that in order to attract qualified teachers salaries will need to be competitive with other school districts. Ana Ulloa mentioned that larger school districts are raising their salaries in an effort to strangle smaller districts' budgets from being able to compete with their salaries. The building is the issue for the increased budget due to all of the maintenance repairs.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

L. Spring 2022 Board Policies

M. Gonzalez made a motion to approve the National Charter Schools Institute (NCSI) Spring 2022 Board Policies Updates.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu Aye

Roll Call

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

M. HVAC Work Agreement

L. Chittum made a motion to approve the HVAC Work Agreement between Ste. Anne Basilica Parish De Detroit ("Landlord") and Escuela Avancemos Academy ("Tenant").
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

N. Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Note In Anticipation of State School Aid September Borrowing Through the Michigan Finance Authority

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

Roll Call

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

O. 2021-22 Benchmark Assessment End of the Year Report

The Escuela Avancemos Academy School Instructional Leader Dr. Steven Ovares (4th-8th) reported the Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b, and Section 104a required accomplishments of established educational and academic end-of-year goals. The educational median goals were presented to the Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors.

V. Reports

A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report

Dahime Gordon, 21st CCLC Site Coordinator, presented the 21st Century Community Learning Centers monthly programming and budget report. The summer school

programming schedule will consist of Monday-Thursday 9 am-2 pm from July 5 to August 11. Students will attend weekly field trips on Thursday.

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. May Financials

May 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 Dr. Steven Ovares (4th-8th Instructional Leader), Stephanie Yassine (Sanga Consulting Executive Director), and Ana Ulloa (CEO, Founder). The Leadership Team has been devoted to creating 2022-2023 Strategic Plan goals. The school leadership team will formalize the goals and create strategies and action steps. Once formalized, the strategic plan goals will be shared with the Board of Directors for feedback and finalization. Strategic plan goals and their accompanying action steps can be tailored based on WIDA data. Goals will be created to tailor to individual students' needs.

The NWEA Median Conditional Growth Percentiles report was presented to the Board of Directors. The report highlighted each grade level's median conditional growth percentile in the area of math and reading. The median conditional growth percentile is the percentile that falls in the middle of all conditional growth percentiles for each grade level. The report showed student comparison to matching peers from NWEA norms. A 50th percentile corresponds to typical growth, while values below the 50th percentile indicate growth below projections, and values above the 50 indicate growth that exceeded projections. The academy is meeting CMU expectations at the 50th percentile, exceeding at or higher than 65, and has set an internal growth goal of or higher than the 60th percentile.

A full week of celebrations is scheduled for the last week of school for both the students and staff. The academy's first 8th-grade class will be graduating on June 20th.

The academy continues to experience HVAC issues that have caused continuous disruptions. "Early Release" dates have been scheduled for the last three days of the school year. Madam Board President Cristina Stamatin posed a question to the leadership team, "With the high rise of crime within schools, what is the team doing to make sure that the campus is secure?" Stephanie Yassine informed the Board of

Directors that the team is doing everything possible to maintain a safe and secure campus. The school safety plan and lock door checks are being enforced and checked daily. An increased number of students' mental and social well-being including threat assessments are being conducted. Staff is encouraged to take advantage of the Healthiest You virtual therapy sessions offered to employees by Sanga. The cost for this benefit is absorbed by Sanga.

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

Jennifer Joubert was unable to join the board meeting due to a schedule conflict. Madam President Cristina Stamatin informed the board members to please check their emails regarding CMU communications. The upcoming board development series "An Assessment of Student Learning and Academic Performance Reporting" will be held on June 28, 2022, in Novi. Board members who serve on a Central Michigan University charter school board must agree to complete 6 hours of professional development in their first year of serving and 3 hours each year after during their term.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Comments

Escuela Avancemos Academy Board of Directors is looking forward to another great year as the board is always here to support the team. Tremendous"thank you" accolades to the leadership team, staff, and students for all of their hard work. Congratulations to the first Escuela Avancemos Academy graduating 8th-grade students. The National Charter School Conference board member attendees are looking forward to sharing their networking experiences with the team.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 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 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson

Approved by the Board of Trustees on August 23, 2022,

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Board Secretary Date