APPROVED

Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Escuela Avancemos Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Location
Escuela Avancemos Academy
2635 Howard St
Detroit, MI 48216
Room: 105

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, M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

Directors Absent
L. Chittum

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
M. Barbour

Guests Present
A. Ulloa, Dahime Gordon, J. Joubert, L. Coggins, S. Johnson, S. Ovares

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 Apr 25, 2023 at 6:35 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

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A. Bordeianu made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 board meeting agenda.
M. Gonzalez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Barbour	Absent
L. Chittum	Absent

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 on 03-21-23.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Reports

A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Monthly Report

Dahime Gordon, Site Coordinator for the 21st Century Learning Program (21st CCLC), presented the monthly programming and budget report. The 21st CCLC has partnered with Detroit PAL to now offer soccer to the program's participating students. Transportation will be provided and arranged by the parents. Madam Board President Cristina Stamatin and members of the board are very excited about this wonderful opportunity for students and are looking forward to upcoming game schedules. School Principal Dr. Steven Ovares requested to receive details on upcoming games to share with staff.
M. Barbour arrived at 6:40 PM.

B. March Financials

March 2023 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.

C. Sanga Monthly Management Report

Dr. Steven Ovares (School Principal) and Ana Ulloa (CEO, Founder) presented the Sanga Monthly Management Report. Junior Achievement visited the academy on April 21, 2023 to facilitate lessons on financial business and career literacy to students in grade kindergarten through fifth. The 8th-grade students completed the PSAT on April 12, 2023. MSTEP assessments are scheduled for the week of May 1st for grades 3rd-7th.
The parent concern previously shared with the Board of Directors regarding the special education team and school leadership has been resolved. The team is confident in the program in place for supporting the student moving forward. Madam President Cristina Stamatin is pleased with the mutual win-win for both the student and the school.
A handful of students are persistently demonstrating disobedience behaviors and not following the student code of conduct. Anytime student issues impact the safety of other students within the school community, school leadership proposes a meeting with the students, parents, and the school board to gauge the possibility of long-term suspension or expulsion from the academy. Ana Ulloa mentioned the academy is a small charter school and with that comes limited resources for the students. Sometimes therapy or additional outside services are needed to support students and families.
Joanne Formigan, the academy's previous MTSS coach, has stepped into the vacant 3rd-grade teacher position to ensure students have a qualified teacher for the rest of the school year.
"Career Day" is slated for May 18th.

V. Extended Public Comment:

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

None at this time.

VI. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools Central Michigan University Field Operations School Lead, Jennifer Joubert, shared the authorizer's upcoming events.
April 26, 2023 "Tell Your Story" Webinar; webinar participation counts toward professional development hours. August 15, 2023; "2023 Annual Conference" registration is now open.

B. Escuela Avancemos! Academy Board of Directors Updates

Madam President Cristina Stamatin affirms the academy is going in the right direction and the board is here to serve.

VII. Closing Items

A. Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 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 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson
Approved by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

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Board Secretary Date