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Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM

Location

Malka Borrego is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Governance Committee Meeting
Time: Aug 12, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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Committee Members Present
C. Melgares (remote), C. Osuna (remote), F. Spindler (remote), T. Bell (remote)

Committee Members Absent
M. Borrego, M. Gomez

Guests Present
Alejandra Martinez-Juarez

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Tyler arrived at 2:34 pm

B. Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

C. Call the Meeting to Order

F. Spindler called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Mar 10, 2022 at 2:38 PM.

D. Approve Minutes

Minutes approved.

F. Spindler made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 02-10-22.
T. Bell seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Public Comment

No public comments.

II. Governance

A. Presentation: Alumni Program

Lilia Mitre presented Equitas Alumni Programs 2022.

Alejandra shared perspective as an alumni:

- Took SAT college prep course provided by Equitas
- Also attended different community events
- The program was there is she needed something.

Discussion:

- Frank question: Are 70% of alumni in college from the 1st graduating class?
  - Yes
- Frank question: Are college resources open to students anytime they want to come on campus?
  - Yes
- Carmina question: When was the alumni vision created? Are there plans to re-create it? Will there be an opportunity to re-engage alumni?
  - The program started in 2017 and Lilia has been reflecting how we can continue to assess where we are now and where we want to go. Lilia has identified that there is a new need for transition from HS to college. We have strong relationships with high schools and want to re-create that with college. Lilia is hearing from families and alumni, "I got to college but it was so hard to get here", "I am in college, but I am the first one in my family to be here" and as a department need to focus on social, emotional aspect as well.
- Frank question: Goal as a board is to get student to and through college. We want to hear from Alejandra and alumni, and want to hear tips on how the board can be the most beneficial?
  - Some alumni are having mental breakdowns - mini reunion focused on well being
    - It would be helpful to hear life experience
    - Alejandra has different paths she wants to take
  - Frank: goal is to build side committee

        - How can we use those lessons to help other alumni scholars bringing
        - Alejandra: at HS they have a speech panel that was helpful
    - Frank suggestion: Would like to have Lilia and Alejandra join another meeting.
    - Carmina: What is a way we can get consistent alumni voice as the board?
        - Lilia will check in with Alumni Manager
        - What is the timeline?
            - In May Lilia and Alejandra will join the meeting
            - Lilia will have an update on how Alumni can be involved
    - Tyler: In April board meeting, we will have a public forum board meeting where alumni and families will join.

B. Review Committee Goals

- Malka has talked to 3 board members and all are planning to stay on board
- Brett with be the board buddy for Dakota and Lindsey
- Malka drafted a fact sheet
- Looking for new board chair for this committee - Frank will follow up with Malka

C. 2022 Board Retreat

Langham is not available. Nadine sent an email with updates on possible options. Tyler will continue to work with Nadine.

Other possible ideas:

- Carmina: Santa Monica?
- Frank: It would be nice to have things outdoors

We will provide an update for the next meeting.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Bell