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Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location
Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 853 7106 8909
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Directors Present
C. Billings (remote), E. Hatch (remote), S. Trivedi (remote), S. Zephirin (remote), T. McCoy (remote)

Directors Absent
S. Stevens

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
T. McCoy

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
S. Trivedi

Ex Officio Members Present
C. Brodniak (remote), M. Ston (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Billings called a meeting of the board of directors of Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School to order on Thursday Sep 16, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

C. Public Comment

* Public comment from Yessenia Jones regarding social media feedback from families. Concerns about lack of communication from school/teachers.

D. Approve Minutes - 08/19/2021 Board Meeting

S. Zephirin made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-19-21.
E. Hatch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. McCoy	Aye
S. Trivedi	Abstain
C. Billings	Aye
S. Zephirin	Aye
S. Stevens	Absent
E. Hatch	Aye

E. Approve Minutes - 08/25/21 Special Session Board Meeting

S. Zephirin made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Special Session on 08-25-21.
E. Hatch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Zephirin	Aye
C. Billings	Aye
S. Stevens	Absent
S. Trivedi	Abstain
E. Hatch	Aye
T. McCoy	Aye

II. New Business

A. BSD-Arco Iris Charter SIA Agreement

Michelle reviewed updated SIA Agreement with Board.

E. Hatch made a motion to Approve Charter SIA Agreement and give Christa Billings authority to sign it.
S. Zephirin seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Hatch	Aye
T. McCoy	Absent
S. Zephirin	Aye
S. Stevens	Absent
S. Trivedi	Aye
C. Billings	Aye

III. Academic Excellence

A. Executive Director's Report

Student Achievement

- **We are presenting our annual performance report to the BSD board on Sept. 27. The bulk of this report typically consists of state assessment data. Because we had less than 50% of eligible students take the assessments last spring, we do not consider this to be valid data so we will not highlight this information in our report.**
- **We plan to do our first round of preliminary assessment in math, English and Spanish later this month. This information will help teachers design targeted instruction and interventions.**

Climate and Culture

- **Back to School Night next week. Hoping to get feedback from parents. School working to address the technical issues with communication out to families.**
- **It continues to be very difficult for us to find subs, have to use internal coverage which can be disruptive.**
- **We added electives to the middle school schedule twice a week. Our regular teachers are providing these classes, and students are divided into 4 groups during their electives rather than 3, so class sizes are smaller. The classes this Fall are Flamenco, Yoga, Theater and Destination Imagination, which is a national program to engage students in creative problem solving.**

Professional Development

- **We are having some trouble accessing the BSD professional development online registration and resource tool. We are working with them to try to get the problems resolved. This has been an ongoing issue for years.**

- **We are using Google Classroom as an internal tool to deliver teacher professional development.**

Hot Topics

- **We submitted the request to BSD for a temporary shift to 50:50 immersion ratios in our elementary program. It will be voted on at their business meeting in October.**
- **Updates on school Covid data and how school will report any exposures to the school community.**
- **Updates on hiring for 1st and 4th grade**
- **Enrollment updates. Currently at 404, doesn't include kinder CDL.**
- **Chris will update board at next meeting regarding updates to our safety procedures. He is collaborating with BSD safety team and law enforcement.**

Seeking Input

- **Discussed start of Charter Renewal process. Michelle will create a committee to support the process.**
- **Discussed updates on Gap Donation request, and best ways to communicate info to parents.**
- **Chris researching ways to maximize our grassy outdoor spaces so it is usable during rainy season. Board open to exploring options.**

Decision Needed
*** Early application period for 1st grade for 22-23**
*** Capping middle school classes at 28 for the 21-22 school year (versus 30) to support social distancing. Board in support of this.**
T. McCoy arrived.

B. Lottery

S. Trivedi left.
S. Zephirin made a motion to Add an early 1st grade lottery on November 12th, 2021.
E. Hatch seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. McCoy	Aye
S. Zephirin	Aye
S. Trivedi	Absent
S. Stevens	Absent
E. Hatch	Aye
C. Billings	Aye

IV. Finance

A.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer updated board on financial report. Has two issues to follow up on.

B. Finance Committee

Finance advisor presented information to the board on the bond amendment. This reduces interest rates on our bonds. Needs to happen by October 1st.
S. Trivedi made a motion to Approve the resolution for bond refinancing and give Christa and Sarah the authority to sign documents.
S. Zephirin seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. McCoy	Aye
S. Trivedi	Aye
S. Stevens	Absent
E. Hatch	Aye
S. Zephirin	Aye
C. Billings	Aye

C. Approve Meeting Minutes Sep 2021

S. Zephirin made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance Committee Meeting on 09-14-21.
C. Billings seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Hatch	Aye
S. Zephirin	Aye
S. Trivedi	Absent
S. Stevens	Absent
T. McCoy	Aye
C. Billings	Aye

V. Development

A. PTO Report

-Fundraising updates
- Parent wants to donate Jaguar mascot costume
-Request to talk about Gap Contribution at Back to School Night
-Parent Volunteer updates. Lots of interest with K/1 parents. Interest in doing a walk/roll to school event in October 6th. Board approves.
-We can apply for Metro grant to continue this monthly. Yessenia to complete the application and send to Finance committee for approval
-Update on spirit wear online vendor.

-Ok to proceed with tie-dye fundraiser.
-Update on upcoming restaurant nights: Panda Express and Chipotle
-Move-a-thon on October 27th. PE teachers leading. Fundraising window opens October 18th. Hope to have room parents assigned by the 18th. Asking teachers to advertise the program.

B. Development & Community Relations Committee

No report presented

VI. Governance

A. Governance Committee

No report presented

VII. Closing Items

A. Closing Comments and Action Items

-Christa to email CCRs to admin
-Erin to work with Michelle on Charter renewal
-Michelle to see if there is any option to adjust due dates of Charter renewal
-Michelle to follow up with OSBA on early lottery plan
-Shagun to email updated Treasurers report to board
-Christa to confirm that board does not need to approve Jaguar costume
-Yessenia to complete the Metro grant application. Send to finance committee for approval.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Zephirin

Documents used during the meeting

None