

# Adelante Charter School

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## Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2013

Regular Meeting

Board Members present:

Jonathan Lang, President

Chelsea Guillermo-Wann, Vice President

Sheila Cullen, Secretary

Annette Cordero, Parliamentarian

Juanita Hernandez, Principal and Chief Administrator

Ed Heron, Santa Barbara School District Liaison

Nancy Dow, School Treasurer

Holly Gil, School Site Council President

1. Call to order at 5:35
  - a. Introductions
2. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Moved to Item #7.
3. Public Comment
  - a. ACS parent Dave Fortson provided input on strategic planning. Would like to contribute to Adelante by ensuring financial sustainability and name recognition/brand identity. Suggests work plan with dates, ownership. Will donate time to help in this effort. Will help connect the dots with funding sources. Suggests coming up with wishlist of things we must get done in 2014; Dave will help put together the team, timeline, steps to execution.
  - b. Jonathan: we need to take first steps to make this happen. Next steps to be discussed at next meeting.
  - c. Annette: We must check on Brown Act requirements for this.
4. Reports and Updates
  - a. Teacher's Council (Michael Macioce). Brief meeting held Friday. Everyone excited and enjoying their classes. Increased use of technology this year. Teachers seeing benefits. Considering professional development dedicated to technology use. Generally staff happy with art and especially the music program at the moment. Art: desire to resolve the issues with iCAN.
  - b. Celebration of Teaching: (Michael) not available today, but will happen in future.
  - c. PTSO: Xochitl.
    - i. Back to School was total success. Raised \$4073, including the raffle, and food.
    - ii. Día de los Muertos: still trying to figure out food. Raffle tickets are will be ready by the 9<sup>th</sup>. Lauren is working on raffle and

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prizes. Pieces are coming together. Raffle tickets will be \$3.

Board reiterated commitment to help before or on day of event.

## 5. Principal's Report (Juanita)

a. Juanita commented that reports that go to the California Department of Education, for example the Title III Report, are lengthy, and continuously updated. Title III report contains detailed information on ELD program development and delivery.

b. Michele Alferez is our new A-OK site Coordinator.

c. Padres Adelante: Sal Guereña will provide parents with advice on how to monitor their children's use of social media.

### d. Charter Renewal:

i. Juanita met with Emilio Handell, Assistant Superintendent.

Jonathan and Juanita met with Superintendent Cash; he is supportive and suggested we look at one document at a time. We will start with MOU. Next FUA.

ii. District manages emails in the school; we may wish to consider establishing our own email network.

iii. Jonathan: conversation went well. Wants to be transparent, and he would dialogue about any disagreement before we go to Board. Emphasized we should get documents to district early, so we don't end up scrambling.

iv. Juanita went to SBUSD meeting where SB Charter renewal was discussed. Issues raised were about parent survey, why do parents leave the school, etc. Lottery, Brown Act, standards, common core, could all be questions we should be prepared to answer.

v. Juanita: National PTO website has a lot of information on Common Core.

vi. Ed Heron advises that we work on everything so its ready to go, not necessarily focus on MOU/FUA before Charter itself.

### e. iCAN

i. Juanita and Jonathan met with Jeffrey Walker, iCAN Executive Director. iCAN was moved by our gratitude but they continue to have issues: (1) security of classroom, (2) sink must be updated to current standard, (district estimates cost of \$15-20K), (3) they want a direct point of contact with our board.

ii. Jonathan proposed we assign a board member as point of contact with their board. Jonathan volunteered. No objection.

iii. Franklin's sink is 4.5" taller but otherwise same. Suggestion to purchase a portable sink. Our sink is too low. In order to replace the sink the district must tear out wall, put in two sinks, one that is ADA compliant, and another that is higher. Juanita: SB Charter inserted a sink on top of the sink. We cannot alter the plumbing without district approval.

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- iv. We are committed to addressing the security issue and will put in an order for additional security measures.
  - v. Juanita: SB Museum of Art would like to run a 6-week art program in one of our grades.
6. Action Items
- a. Approval of Common Core Funding. This funding required one meeting to present the plan and the plan to be approved in a subsequent meeting. Today's meeting was presentation of plan. We will wait for approval until November to follow plan for approval. Holly: Site Council will prepare document about how we are implementing Common Core.
  - b. NCLB Budget (Juanita & Nancy). Annette made motion to approve; Chelsea seconded. Unanimously approved (4-0).
  - c. Art Instructional Assistant through December: \$8K was set aside for an art assistant. Nathalia Montoya has been volunteering since last year. Juanita proposed hiring her approximately 14 hours weekly through December which would cost less than 50% of allocation. Sheila made motion to approve hiring Nathalia through December, Annette seconded, unanimously approved 4-0.
  - d. Parcel Tax Expenditure Plan. There is a math error with Subs. We actually have 12 subs, bringing that total to \$1320, and we'll remove \$100 from laptops, so total remains the same. Chelsea moved to approve Parcel Tax Expenditure Plan with these corrections, Annette seconded, unanimously approved 4-0.
7. Board Business & Strategic Planning
- a. August 5, 2013 Minutes: postponed until next because we don't have a quorum of voters who were present at that meeting.
  - b. September 5, 2013 Minutes: Approved 10/7/13.
  - c. Board Evaluation: It has been sent out, but Jonathan hasn't had a chance to tally out responses. Board Self Evaluation: Sheila will send out this instrument. Each board member shall fill out and send back to Jonathan.
  - d. Board recommendations for charter revisions.
    - i. MOU: Nancy says much of this fiscal info will change with LCFF.
    - ii. Jonathan requested that Juanita collect proposed changes to MOU and FUA; Holly track changes and questions related to charter.
    - iii. We will have prelim discussions of changes at next board meeting.
    - iv. Holly: it would be very helpful if Board person could review portion of charter dealing with governance.
  - e. Next meeting: November 4, 2013 @ 5:30.
  - f. Ed: thanked Juanita for participation in computer event.
8. Closed Session (7:52): Did not occur.
- a. Juanita would like to postpone because the document she has she feels is not adequate. She will email and can put on agenda for next time.
9. Adjourn: 7:59pm.
- Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 11/4/13 \_\_\_\_\_