

# *Adelante Charter School*

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Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting, April 13, 2015

BOD Present:

Jonathan Lang

Jack Rivas

Sheila Cullen

Dan LaBerge

Dominic Paszkeicz

Amanda Lopez-Solis

Annette Cordero

Brianna Aguilar

Ed Heron

Nancy Dow

Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to order: 5:32
2. Mission statement read by Jonathan Lang
  - a. Introductions were made of all individuals present
3. Consent Agenda: Minutes from 2/2/15 and 3/2/15 approved with no changes.
4. Review agenda: item 8a will be discussion but not vote.
5. Public comment: none
6. Reports and Updates:
  - a. Celebration of Teaching.
    - i. Maestra Flores presented the recent work of her class in science and art, studying food and energy chains of organisms.
    - ii. The class is hoping to go to Santa Cruz Island on 5/1/15 and is raising funds for the trip on GoFundMe.
  - b. PTSO (Maria Tapia)
    - i. \$9527.11 earned from Jog-a-thon.
    - ii. Planning Dia de las Madres for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8pm.
  - c. Curriculum Council: (Holly Gil). Didn't meet this month yet but teachers are working on plan for Science Night May 11. Have been discussing reclassification process of ELLs.
  - d. Teachers' Council: (Elizabeth Silva). Highlights of each grade. Second grade was able to do field trip to Legoland.
7. Principal's Report (Juanita Hernandez). See attached report. Highlights and comments:
  - a. MOU/FUA: Counter offer has been made by District. There are still some things that need to be clarified, such as IT Services.
  - b. Enrollment: up to 256. Recent arrivals from Mexico have been placed in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades since space was available.
  - c. Juanita Hernandez met with incoming English speaking parents and will meet with parent s of ELLs as well.

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- d. Benchmark assessments: Most kids are making progress in areas assessed.
  - e. Wharton Foundation will pay for staff to attend Maker Faire in Bay area May 15-17. Maker Fair is a movement where people wanted to bring back the art of making things. Tinkering, figuring things out, learning through working with materials.
  - f. New classrooms: new estimate is \$230K. We are looking into a grant for charter schools, but we may not be eligible. We must consider all options including using our reserves (see Principal's Report).
  - g. Even if they started now, the earliest they'd be ready is January. In the meantime, we will use Family Center as a classroom.
  - h. Teacher's Day 15<sup>th</sup> May.
  - i. SBDI Performance 17<sup>th</sup> May.
  - j. Jonathan Lang commented that students coming from Mexico should only be accepted to ACS if their parents are interested in the model, not just because they speak Spanish.
  - k. Dan LaBerge asked about the status of kindergarten. Juanita Hernandez reported that things are looking much better, and that we have a substitute for the rest of the year, Karen Healy, who is very competent.
  - l. Jack Rivas asked about level of parent participation? Discussion followed regarding continued challenge of inaccurate reporting of hours, use of Parent Square.
8. Action Items
- a. Outreach/Fundraising: progress made but not ready to present. (next meeting for discussion.)
  - b. Discuss and approve spending plan for \$119K and \$15K – tabled to next month.
  - c. Redesignation criteria for ELLs: see protocol attached. Motion made to approve redesignation criteria by Annette Cordero, seconded by Jack Rivas, passed unanimously 8-0.
  - d. Approve revised budget for Common Core (Nancy Dow): we may or may not need a revision. Money that came out in 2013; all within our fiscal policy. Will update next month.
9. Board Business
- a. Strategic Plan: No update. Plan is finished.
  - b. Summer Retreat: We will work on new strategic plan. June 20, 27, July 25, Aug 22 possible dates. Jonathan will follow up with group.
  - c. Next meeting date/agenda items. May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30.
    - i. Review the 990/199 Tax Information Returns -Due May 15
    - ii. Approve the Split Payroll Calendar as of July 2015 (Certificated Staff)
    - iii. Approve raises for Management and Classified
    - iv. Update Principal Employment Agreement
    - v. Approve hires
    - vi. Approve Budget Revisions (One Time and Common Core)
    - vii. Approve Funding for Portables
10. Closed Session: 7:11pm.

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- a. Board discussed hiring of teacher candidate; approved unanimously.
11. Meeting adjourned. 7:24pm.

Minutes approved: 5/14/15