

Adelante Charter School

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Minutes for March 2, 2015

BOD Present:

Jack Rivas

Sheila Cullen

Dominic Paszkeicz

Brianna Aguilar

Mayra Ramos

Dan La Berge

(Amanda Lopez-Solis)

Ed Heron

Nancy Dow

Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to Order: 5:30pm.
2. Reading of Mission Statement
3. Consent agenda: Minutes from 2/2/15 will be re-written in more abbreviated form.
4. Review agenda: will approve budget prior to principal's report.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Reports and Updates:
 - a. Celebration of Teaching: 3rd Grade
 - i. Elizabeth Silva and Erika Ruiz Santillán as well as 5 students presented about their trip to Monterrey Bay Aquarium.
 - b. Special Ed Services at Santa Barbara Charter School (Dave Weisman, Director of Operations)
 - i. SBCS had much control over their SPED even while with district, as many staff already very competent in this area.
 - ii. Last year looked into becoming LEA and did so by joining SBCEO SELPA, during their charter renewal.
 - iii. This required them to hire their own part-time staff, incl. speech pathologist and psychologist.
 - iv. They organized necessary staff prior to initiating the process with the district, so they knew it would be feasible.
 - v. They also benefitted from SBCEO SELPA willing to accept them.
 - vi. SBCEO SELPA holds meetings 1x/month; all members of the SELPA are co-funders.
 - vii. Able to provide quality services under their direct control.
 - viii. There are financial risks. For example, child that needs special day class, and you don't have one, you still have to pay for that child to attend a contracted special day class.

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- ix. Overall financial impact has been very positive for school: Dave Weisman estimated with district, cost was \$1000/ADA, and now much less.
 - x. They put \$100K in a special ed reserve fund to be able to cover any services that might be extra costly and out of the ordinary.
 - c. PTSO – Planning for Jog-a-thon and Día de las Madres is in progress.
 - d. Curriculum Council. (Holly Gil)
 - i. Tool for redesignation of ELLs:
 - 1. Holly Gil recommends DRA (Directed Reading Assessment), which looks more closely at literacy skills.
 - 2. This will be combined with subjective measures such as teacher recommendation and parent input.
 - 3. Our CELDT scores were very good so we are expecting to redesignate a significant number of kids this year.
 - ii. Dream Box will be adopted.
 - iii. Parcel Tax discussed.
 - iv. New night for Math/Science Night.
 - e. Teachers’ Council (Elizabeth Silva)
 - i. Maestra Silva provided review of current academic projects in each grade level.
7. 2nd Interim Budget (Nancy Dow)
- a. Not a huge change from 1st Interim.
 - b. One time revenue from State, approx. \$15K – we need to decide how to spend this.
 - c. Expenses: changes include salary increase, classroom supplies.
 - d. Wish list Update: Review proposal for spending \$119K as a portion of the \$220K excess from last year. We will discuss next meeting.
 - e. Two year forecast is zero-balanced budget for next two years.
 - f. Reserves should stay the same. (approx. 26-28%).
 - g. Mayra Ramos moved to approve Second Interim Budget, seconded by Brianna Aguilar; approved unanimously 6-0.
8. Principal’s Report
- a. Filling out application for DDLM at De La Guerra Plaza.
 - b. District saying we can have two buildings brought onto campus.
 - c. Estimate from district for two buildings: \$184K.
 - d. We received Chelsea Guillermo-Wann’s resignation letter.
9. Action Items
- a. Approve Parcel Tax Budget:
 - i. We are addressing music, science, technology, and math.
 - ii. We’ll need to consider how to incorporate these expenditures into our regular budget when this funding runs out.
 - iii. Brianna Aguilar moved to approve Measure I Parcel Tax Site Plan Budget, Jack Rivas seconded, approved unanimously 6-0.
 - b. Approve NCLB Budget: Includes Title I, II, and III.
 - i. Many of these expenses are mandatory, ie. Tutors, homeless.

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- ii. Jack Rivas moved to approve the NCLB 14/15 Budget, Mayra Ramos seconded, approved unanimously 6-0.
 - c. Approve Safety Plan
 - i. We updated ours at the beginning of the year.
 - ii. Based our goals on California Healthy Kids Survey. We kept the goals that we had, i.e. using TRIBES, diet/nutrition.
 - iii. Juanita Hernandez will put it on the website.
 - iv. Dan La Berge moved to approve the School Safety Plan, Jack Rivas seconded, unanimously approved 6-0.
 - d. Nominate and Approve board Member: Amanda Lopez-Solis.
 - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis, previous board experience on SB Rape Crisis Center; law background
 - ii. All in favor of having Amanda Lopez-Solis join the board: approved 6-0.
- 10. Board Business
 - a. Strategic Plan. Tabled until next meeting.
 - b. Enrollment 15-16 update: (Juanita). Added 21 new students. We have the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 composition for kinder.
 - c. Next meeting date and agenda items:
 - i. April 13, 5:30pm
 - ii. Approve Reclassification of ELs to include DRA as tool for measuring progress in English.
 - iii. Nominate board member
 - iv. Strategic plan
 - v. MOU/FUA
 - vi. Date for summer retreat
 - vii. Approve a budget for portables, wish list
- 11. Closed Session (7:19pm)
 - a. Charter School Employee: Performance Evaluation – Teachers
 - i. Juanita discussed general performance of our teachers.
 - b. Charter School Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release
 - c. There were three motions passed unanimously regarding personnel issues.
- 12. Adjourn: 7:39pm

Minutes Approved:-

4/13/15
