

Adelante Charter School

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Minutes for 2015-09-14

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: 5:31pm.
2. Adelante Mission Statement: Amanda Lopez-Solis read Adelante's mission statement.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes 2015-08-03: Minutes approved with changes.
 - b. Approve minutes 2015-08-31: Minutes approved with changes.
4. Review Agenda: no changes.
5. Public comment: none
6. Action Item (discussed out of order)
 - a. Approve unaudited actuals 2014/2015 (see attachments) (Nancy Dow):
 - i. Overall, we did very well. Surplus of \$195K. Surpluses from LCFF, carryover from underestimating our ADA; special education came under budget for the first time.
 - ii. Motion made to approve 2014-2015 unaudited actuals made by Amanda Lopez-Solis, seconded by Brianna Aguilar, approved unanimously 7-0.
7. Reports:
 - a. PTSO report (Maria Tapia):
 - i. PTSO had first meeting and chose the parent leaders; it went really well; two parents for each classroom.
 - ii. First event will be this Friday. Celebration of Mexico's Independence Day. Tamales; all invited.
 - iii. There is no formal PTSO president but a group effort.
 - iv. Board members each introduced themselves to Maria Tapia.
 - b. Teacher's Council: (Paula Sevilla)
 - i. Paula Sevilla reported each grade level focus on at the moment.

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- ii. Sixth graders will be translating our mission statement into Spanish using language that kid-friendly; Brianna Aguilar suggested it be videoed and put on our website.
 - iii. Jack Rivas & Brianna Aguilar: Botanical Gardens want ACS to go to the garden. They want to offer services in Spanish.
 - iv. Teachers are excited to start IEE Program.
 - v. Paula Sevilla's class is 36 kids; going to LA Science Center on October 14.
8. Principal's Report (see attached). Highlights:
- a. 70% of students scored above 50th NPR on APRENDA (school average).
 - b. CAASSP:
 - i. 33% met/exceeded standard in ELA; 15% math. Low compared to state average.
 - ii. We are taking action to remedy this: (1) a bilingual word wall for math words; (2) increased support for math instruction and professional development; (3) purchase another supplemental math program; (4) allow teachers more planning time for math lessons.
 - c. Back to School night: only 72%. Low compared to previous years.
 - d. Board discussed results of Parent Survey.
 - e. Suggestion made to revise some parts of this survey.
 - f. Juanita Hernandez contacted an elementary school in Puerto Vallarta to see if some of our classes would like to make contact with children in PV.
 - g. UCSB Gauchos will be doing a soccer clinic with the kids on Wednesday.
 - h. Portables: no new information.
9. Board Business
- a. Board Leadership Institute Report: (Brianna Aguilar, Jack Rivas & Dan La Berge). Actions:
 - i. Next Strategic Plan.
 - ii. Board Manual (Amanda Lopez-Solis & Brianna Aguilar)
 - iii. Start identifying potential donors. Explore how we introduce them to ACS.
 - iv. Look at how we structure our board meetings: Brianna Aguilar will meet with Dominic Paszkeicz to discuss this.
 - b. Board-Teacher Buddies:
 - i. Dan La Berge: Carolina Alcaraz & Brenda Rubio
 - ii. Annette Cordero: Chely Rodriguez & Veronica Ramos
 - iii. Amanda Lopez-Solis: Leah Hendrickson & Maria Dolores Meraz
 - iv. Sheila Cullen: Erika Ruiz-Santillan & Elizabeth Silva
 - v. Brianna Aguilar: Julia Flores & Luisa Barber
 - vi. Mayra Ramos: Paula Sevilla & Laura Denny
 - vii. Jack Rivas: Michael Macioce & Lauren Macioce
 - viii. Dominic Paszkeicz: Sabra Weber
 - ix. Jonathan Lang: Devon Espejo
 - x. Expectation is that board member meet with their teacher buddy at least 1x/trimester

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- c. Board Retreat/Strategic Planning meeting: looking at October 18th or 25th, or Sunday November 15th.
- 10. Action items
 - a. Explore Ecology MOU.
 - i. Motion made to approve EE MOU by Jack Rivas, seconded by Mayra Ramos, passed unanimously 7-0.
 - b. MOU Just Communities:
 - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made motion to approve Just Communities MOU; Brianna Aguilar seconded; passed 6-0. Jack Rivas abstained.
 - c. Modification of Language in By-Law regarding terms of board members (Amanda Lopez-Solis)
 - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis proposed modifications of By-law Section 4: TERMS of OFFICE (see attachments).
 - ii. Modification eliminates 5 year limit and sets term as renewable 3-year terms, not to exceed 3 successive terms.
 - iii. Modification of Section 6 (Board Composition) to remove requirement that at least one parent's native language be Spanish, and to specify that parents do not exceed majority of board.
 - iv. Motion made by Dan La Berge to accept new By-law language regarding board member terms of office and board composition; seconded by Mayra Ramos; all in favor 7-0.
- 11. Closed Session: 7:07pm.
 - a. Leave Request discussed and approved. Brianna Aguilar made motion to approve leave request; Dan La Berge seconded, approved unanimously 7-0.
- 12. Next board meeting date & items:
 - a. October 5th, 5:30pm.
 - b. Approve update personnel handbook.
- 13. Adjourn: 7:28pm.

Minutes Approved:-

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