

Adelante Charter School

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Minutes for 2017-01-09

BOD Present:

Dominic Paszkeicz
Brianna Aguilar
Jack Rivas
Dan La Berge
Amanda Lopez-Solis
Jonathan Lang
Sheila Cullen
Georgina Huaste
Inés Casillas

Others

David Bautista
Holly Gil

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to Order: 5:34pm
2. Read Mission Statement: Read by Georgina Huaste.
3. Consent Agenda: Minutes from 2016-12-12 approved with no changes.
4. Review Agenda: no changes.
5. Public Comment: none.
6. Board Members' Comments:
 - a. Brianna Aguilar expressed how wonderful winter show was. Thank you to teachers and everyone who worked on that.
 - b. Board Buddy reminder.
7. Reports & Updates
 - a. Teachers' Council: Julia Flores reviewed the academic highlights for each grade level for the month of January.
 - i. Celebrations of teaching will begin next month. 4, K, 3, 1, 6.
 - b. PTSO Tabled – haven't met yet.
 - i. Reminder: Coffee with the Director on the 19th.
 - c. School Site Council: Discussed change in funding with Title I and how that affects us, classroom furniture, technology.
8. Executive Director-Principal Report
 - a. We have 98 days left in school year. David Bautista meeting with all teachers to figure out how we can address needs of each student.
 - b. Calendar is draft but should be approved next month.
 - c. Met with consultant regarding taking on our own special education. Report will be prepared.
 - d. We will have 36 incoming kindergarteners. Less than half spaces are open to non-siblings. 75 in the lottery.
9. Budget Update

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- a. Nancy Dow is working on paperwork for portable project costs and second payment from state.
- 10. Action Items
 - a. Approve Final Audit for 2015-2016.
 - i. Jack Rivas made a motion to approve audit; Jonathan Lang seconded; unanimously approved 9-0.
- 11. New Topics
 - a. School uniforms
 - i. Discussion followed.
 - ii. New uniform guidelines: Wear any socks desired; Plain gray sweatshirt or Cheetah logo sweatshirt.
 - b. Update on play structure
 - i. Recommendation from district: Don't try to move ahead because we don't know what's going to happen with construction. Keep money as line item for future.
 - c. Discuss extended leave of teachers
 - i. Holly Gil expressed concern about poor quality subs, and subs who don't speak Spanish.
 - ii. There are a lot of absences by teachers, for many different reasons, and the children suffer.
 - iii. Action: develop a committee to explore this issue further.
- 12. Board Business
 - a. Strategic Plan Committee Reports: Update after board retreat.
 - b. Board Retreat: January 26, 2-4:30 at home of Holly Gil.
 - c. Board Composition & attendance.
 - i. We have an issue with too many parents on board.
 - d. Board Training (Brianna Aguilar and Jack Rivas)
 - i. Suggestion that Board have a time to talk about our own biases, things we're blind to, in the interest of equity in education.
 - ii. Action: find a date for 4 hours on a Saturday when we can do specific board training on this.
 - e. Agenda and Dates of Next Meetings
 - i. January 26th (retreat), February 6th, March 6th.
- 13. Adjourn: 7:10pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ 2017-02-
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