

Adelante Charter School

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Minutes for 2020-07-15

BOD Present:

Brianna Aguilar

Jack Rivas

Amanda Lopez-Solis

Sheila Cullen

Inés Casillas

María José Aragón

René García Hernández

Dominic Paszkeicz

Others

David Bautista

Holly Gil

Minutes taken by Sheila Cullen

1. Call to Order: 5:36pm
2. Read Mission Statement: Read in English by Amanda Lopez-Solis and in Spanish by Inés Casillas
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Amber O'Rourke made appeal to start remotely. Holly Gil urges to look at science and make decision soon; we can partner with other dual language programs. Aliz Ruvalcaba commented that teachers need a lot of support. Julie Portillo commented that Adelante community should stay closed for fall. Tania Ferrufino commented that we should start remotely and make decision asap. Leticia Lemus commented that starting remotely with more resources and more trainings would be helpful. Carolina Alcaraz commented that we should start school remotely because of the research and the most important thing is we're all healthy. Xochitl Bay commented that we can't open the school when we're not prepared for it yet. Cristian Bosuel said that we're not prepared to return to class but it's important to be conscious about activities for socialization on the school grounds.
4. Board Members' Comments: none
5. Board Business
 - a. Back to School Plan
 - i. Director: Safety and health were the main concerns that prompted closure. Teachers worked very hard to provide a quality educational experience for students. It was discovered that 20% of students were not able to access the educational experience. We are now looking closely at how we can do better. We may need to go online because of Health Officer orders. We

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- are looking at different plans to consider, including helping a small group of students to be able to come to campus. The more interaction, the more risk we have. Social-emotional concerns are real, but safety is primary importance.
- ii. Various Board members commented on how hard the design team is working to carefully consider all options, working with SBUSD, and working out details of hybrid model option.
 - iii. Board members commented on the need to address technological issues and teacher training supports as soon as possible.
 - iv. Board members discussed the need for increased communication and support to families.
 - v. Ivette Martinez: Many conversations about health screening, sanitation, ventilation, sinks, cohorts – all the logistics. How will specialists teach, supplies, furniture, specific medical needs, recess, coverage, lunch, arrival times. All of these things must be re-thought.
- b. Food Program:
 - i. Our food program cost is increasing significantly.
 - ii. Brianna Aguilar proposes we create a subcommittee for this.
 - iii. Ines Casillas, Tanya Ferrufino, Sheila Cullen and Leticia Lemus agreed to form a committee to work on the problem.
 - c. Kinder Orientation
 - i. Kinder teachers want to do something on campus. Divide students into 4 groups, 12 families in each group, one hour each, July 22nd. Questions will be addressed. After, a zoom Q and A.
6. Action Items
- a. Nominate and approve Jennifer Navarro.
 - i. Jennifer Navarro introduced herself to the board.
 - ii. Motion made by Jack Rivas to accept Jennifer Navarro to the board; seconded by René García Hernández. Motion passed with 7-yes and 1 abstention (Inés Casillas).
 - b. Approve sick leave policy. (Amanda Lopez Solis)
 - i. We devised an equation that prorates the hours you work to the hours of sick leave offered. Refer to attachment for full policy.
 - ii. Motion made to approve contingent upon attorney approval, by Jack Rivas, seconded by Sheila Cullen, passed unanimously 7-0 (René García Hernández left meeting before this vote).
7. Agenda and Dates of Next Meetings: August 3rd; July 23rd @ 6pm.
8. Adjourn: 7:10pm.

Minutes Approved: _____ 2020-08-03 _____