

Adelante Charter School

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes March 1, 2021

Board of Directors present

Brianna Aguilar, President (08/2023)
Amanda Lopez-Solis, Vice-President (03/2021)
Jack Rivas, Treasurer (07/2023)
Sheila Cullen, Secretary (07/2021)
Annette Cordero (08/2022)
Inés Casillas (11/2021)
Dominic Paszkeicz (11/2022)
René García Hernández (12/2022)
Jennifer Navarro Ríos (07/2023)

Others

David Bautista, Executive Director-Principal/
Director Ejecutivo
Theresa Thompson: Charter Impact

Open Session/Sesión Abierta

1. Call to Order, attendance (5:32pm)
2. Read Mission Statement: Read in both languages.
3. Re-elect Amanda Lopez-Solis to another board term:
 - a. Dominic Paszkeicz made a motion to approve; Jennifer Navarro seconded; passed unanimously, 8-0.
4. Consent agenda: Approve minutes 2021-02-01, 2021-02-11, and 2021-02-22
 - a. Approved with no corrections.
5. Review agenda: Celebration of Teaching moved later to await Mra. Macioce. #10b moved up.
6. Public Comment
 - a. Nicole Zavala: Thanks us all for hard work.
7. Board Members' Comments: none.
8. Reports & Updates
 - a. Celebration of Teaching: Lauren Macioce reviewed the learning highlights of each grade and specialist area.
 - b. PTSO: no report.
 - c. Committee Reports (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity)
 - i. Food: District will not charge us this year. If/when we do return to in-school, meals will be bagged rather than using cafeteria.
 - ii. Finance, Academic, Family Relations, Equity: no updates.
 - d. Finance Report (Theresa Thompson)
 - i. Theresa Thompson of Charter Impact reviewed January 2021 Financial statements.
 - e. ED-Principal's Report

- i. Director Bautista summarized announcements regarding vaccines for teachers and the Santa Barbara plan. The governor has established a grant for schools that open by April 1, at least for K-2nd grade. We are focused on supporting our teachers, and following our safety plan. Families will need to follow strict protocols regarding not sending children with any symptoms.
 - f. Report from a focus group Title I and Title III
 - i. Graciela Rodriguez reported that this focus group has met twice to be able to speak about things they feel strongly about. There were 14 participants, divided in 4 groups. Various parents from this group shared their thoughts and opinions that resulted from this group. Parents said distance learning was difficult and stressful but that right now they preferred to stay home. It seems very difficult for teacher to be able to manage all the protocols, and worrisome that the younger ones won't follow be able to keep their masks on, wash their hands. Some feel communication with teachers has been even better during distance learning, and that some students are not falling behind and are doing well. There have been problems, distraction, small living spaces. Many need financial assistance to pay for internet, learning materials.
 - g. Report on support for SPED students (Graciela Rodriguez, Leticia Lemus)
 - i. Proposal for a learning pod specifically for SPED. Would require a paraeducator to lead the pod and we would need two other support staff.
- 9. Board business/Asuntos de la mesa directiva
 - a. COVID-19 Update and Return to School Options
 - i. Holly Gil provided an update on the structure and logistics of hybrid model.
 - b. Update on Safety Plan
 - i. This plan deals with any emergency, such as earthquake, fire, etc.
 - c. Executive Director Search Update
 - i. We are continuing to meet and this month we will begin initial phone screenings of candidates.
 - d. Board Manual Committee: Amanda Lopez-Solis will lead effort to update.
- 10. Action Items
 - a. Approve 2nd Interim Financial Report: postponed to next meeting.
 - b. Approve Adelante Safety Plan 2021-2022:
 - i. Jack Rivas made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Safety Plan; Ines Casillas seconded; unanimously approved 9-0.
 - c. Approval of Teaching Assistant & SPED-focused learning pod

- i. Paraeducator cost would be approximately \$25/hour.
- ii. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve teaching assistant and SPED learning pod; Jack Rivas seconded; unanimously approved 9-0.

11. CLOSED SESSION (7:30pm)

- a. Public employment: Discuss/approve positions of full-time Director of Curriculum/Education and full-time Executive Director
- b. Public employment: Discuss School Counselor position
- c. Public employment: Bilingual School Office Manager-Testing Coordinator-Reading Intervention Specialist

12. Report out on Closed Session:

- a. Board approved executive director job description. Yes = 9; No = 0; Abstentions = 0. No action taken on Director of Curriculum.
- b. No action taken.
- c. Board approved the title of Bilingual School Office Manager-Testing Coordinator-Reading Intervention Specialist, with salary pending. Yes = 9; No = 0; Absentions = 0.

13. Next meeting date & agenda items

14. Adjourn/Suspender (8:27pm)

Actas aprobadas: 2021-04-05