

Adelante Charter School

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting May 1, 2023

Board of Directors Present

Brianna Aguilar, President (08/2023)
Amanda Lopez-Solis, Vice- President (03/2024)
Jack Rivas, Treasurer (07/2023)
Sheila Cullen, Secretary (07/2024)
René García Hernández (12/2025)
Andy Gil (05/2025)
Jennifer Navarro (08/2025)

Mirian Gutierrez (09/2025)

Otros/ Others

Javier Bolívar, Executive Director
Roger Castillo: Charter Impact (via Zoom)

1. Call to Order, attendance / (5:35pm)
2. Read Mission Statement: read in both languages
3. Consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes 2023-04-10: Approved with no corrections.
 - b. Andy Gil made a motion to approve minutes; Jack Rivas seconded; unanimously approved 8-0.
4. Review agenda: no changes
5. Public Comment: none
6. Board Members' Comments: none
7. Reports & Updates :
 - a. Celebration of Teaching and Reflections: Maestra Ramos reviewed the learning highlights in each grade and specialist area. Teachers also shared reflections on their experiences. Teachers seek more coaching, subject curricula, and more time dedicated to professional growth. Discussion followed.
 - b. PTSO: Keila Gonzalez reported there are more family nights planned; they are trying to raise funds for field trips; approved some funding for microphones needed for theater program; Café con Director in the afternoon resulted in a lot of new parents coming.
 - c. Committee Reports (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity): no reports.
 - d. Finance Report (Roger Castillo)
 - i. Roger Castillo reviewed the March financial report. Revenues and expenses are both projecting lower than budgeted. No changes in ADA. We remain in a healthy financial position.
 - ii. Brianna Aguilar commented that the difference in budgeted and actual ADA is costing us around \$110K.

- e. ED-Principal's Report
 - i. Café con el Director in the evening: many parents came and then went straight to EBAC meeting. We will alternate next year.
 - ii. Professional development: Dr. Jimenez came to review teaching Spanish literacy.
 - iii. Teachers will be offered a day or two for planning at the end of the year.
 - iv. State testing is taking place.
 - v. Some teachers will be changing grades for next year.
 - vi. Consejera Servin and Director have been meeting with families in kindergarten whose students have had the most absences.
 - vii. Director has been giving tours for potential kinder families.
 - viii. Graciela Rodriguez shared that EBAC families met and thank René García Hernández and Director for supporting this group. Leadership was elected, workshops and trainings occurred in reclassification and more. 8-12 participants. Removing barriers to participation, whether language, technology, or other.
- f. SPED Director Report: no report.

8. Board business (6:30)

- a. Discuss Universal Pre-K: no report.
- b. Discuss board leadership succession: tabled.
- c. Update on the Expanded learning Opportunities Program (ELOP).
 - i. Funds will be spent on a shade, supplies, and personnel for summer program.
- d. Review the California Healthy Kids Surveys (Students, Parents, Staff)
 - i. Holly Gil reviewed the results of these surveys.
 - ii. School safety and cyberbullying increased and the area of the most concern.
 - iii. Parents are overwhelmingly satisfied with the school.
 - iv. Staff survey had low response rate.
 - v. All results were brought to leadership team to brainstorm ideas for response.
- e. Discuss update to the Board of Directors' Manual, objectives and composition of board committees: tabled.
- f. Form 700 [Véalo aquí/ See it here](#): Reviewed.
- g. Discuss sex and health education curriculum:
 - i. Director looked into models and these topics will be integrated as part of 5th and 6th grade curriculum.
 - ii. Discussion followed; concern was expressed that it be LGBTQ+ inclusive.

9. Action Items: none.

10. SESIÓN CERRADA/CLOSED SESSION (7:15)

- a. Section 54954.5: Public employee release
 - i. Accept resignation of support staff (two)
- b. Section 54957: Public employee performance evaluation: Executive Director

11. Report out on closed session items

- a. Sheila Cullen made a motion to accept both resignations; Jennifer Navarro seconded; Board unanimously accepted resignations of two support staff 8-0.
- b. No action taken.

12. Next meeting date & agenda items

- a. Discuss how to improve attendance.
- b. Executive Director evaluation.
- c. Board Manual; board leadership succession.
- d. Next meetings: June 5th, week of June 12th

13. Adjourn (8:15pm)

Minutes approved: 2023-06-05