

# *Adelante Charter School*

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Notes for February 3, 2014

BOD Present:

Jonathan Lang

Jack Rivas

Annette Cordero

Brianna Aguilar

Mayra Alcala

Ed Heron

Nancy Dow

Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Mayra Alcala

1. Call to order at 5:35pm.
2. January minutes approved.
3. Public comment; none, other than move board business up while we have quorum.
4. Board Business
  - a. Scratch "review and approve Parcel Tax..." it was left from last meeting's agenda.
  - b. Proposal for Outreach Budget
    - i. Jack; the budget committee met and wanted more clarity on whether the new budget category called "Community Outreach" was intended to be added for this year or next year and how much money do we anticipate it will generate? We don't want to go in to a deficit but have identified a scenario where funding for this new budget line for 13/14 can come from the Art program. Though this program helped create the deficit (one time only) we might consider taking up to/not to exceed \$5,000 from this account and use it for Outreach.
    - ii. Jonathan; we would realistically add it now so that we can generate money for next year. I want people to see this as an investment, not an expense. He understands not wanting to increase our deficit but we need to invest money in developing professional materials. We need to create a slide deck for potential donors. We need a grant writer, which might not fit right now, but is important to have. Having an exploratory line item would get us going for now.
    - iii. Nancy; this is the beginning of the grant writing cycle.
    - iv. The board moves to approve scenario #1 as explained by Jack with \$2,500-\$3,000.
5. Reports & Updates
  - a. Teacher's Council – Report from Michael

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- i. Several teachers are going through the Lucy Calkins curriculum writing training.
    - ii. Teachers feel like having enough prep time is a challenge; it's been reduced by the lack of art program and credentialed music teacher.
    - iii. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Catalina trip is almost paid through all the fundraising done.
  - b. Celebration of Teaching (kinder and second grade)
    - i. Maestra Marie Christine Kannoglou and three kindergarten students presented on what they've been counting and comparing in the classroom. They celebrated being in the classroom for 100 days by creating an art project of what they would look like when they turned 100 years old.
    - ii. Maestra Hendrickson and three second graders shared a audio recording of their classroom singing a new year's song in Chinese to celebrate the Chinese New Year. They did dragon art projects and learned some Chinese words. They start their volcanic rock unit in March and plan to take a field trip to the Butterfly Preserve in Ellwood.
  - c. Site Council (Holly)
    - i. It's all about the charter, we will share more under Principal's report.
  - d. PTSO
    - i. Directora Juanita reported on behalf of Xochitl; they had a meeting with the sorority from UCSB; they will have booths with games that they'll provide free of charge; they'll have food trucks; they are still negotiating the percentage of the proceeds that they'll receive. Their next meeting is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.
  - e. Strategic Plan Committee Report (Chelsea)
    - i. No report but Holly noticed some typos that she'll send to Chelsea.
  - f. Proposal for outreach budget
    - i. Already talked about it.
- 6. Principals Report
  - a. General Updates (Juanita)
    - i. Lottery will be held for upcoming kinder spots on Saturday at 8:30am since we have more interested students than we have spaces; more EO students than we've seen. Ed reminded Juanita that district students receive two entries in to the lottery.
    - ii. There's a SIG grant that the school qualifies for; it's due March 15<sup>th</sup> and they'll be forming a committee for it soon; board members are welcome to join this upcoming committee.
    - iii. Construction has not yet begun in the art building.
    - iv. The alarm is in the process of being installed in the main office.
    - v. Juanita is engaged with the District in Facilities Master Planning, more to come.
    - vi. Juanita took a group of students to an Author-Go-Round where they had the opportunity to meet various authors and write with them. Bella won an autographed book by one of the authors.

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- b. Charter (Holly & Juanita)
  - i. Section 2 and 3 have undergone the most revision; they reflect who we are and what we do. It presents us as a STEM school.
  - ii. New Benchmark & Tools for progress monitoring;
    - 1. Measurable Outcomes
      - a. Language Fluency
      - b. Academic Content Success
      - c. Self Direction
  - iii. Being creative and innovative is part of everything.
  - iv. Board members, who have not yet submitted comments for the charter, please send them as soon as possible.
- 7. Board Business
  - a. Item Removed
  - b. Review of ACS Board Policy for identification and Education under section 504
    - i. Juanita handed these out to board members.
    - ii. Authorized Signatures for County Office need to be submitted.
  - c. Next meeting date and agenda items.
    - i. March 3, 5:30pm
    - ii. Agenda items
      - 1. Authorized Signatures
      - 2. Charter Vote
      - 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report
      - 4. SIG
- 8. No action in closed meeting
- 9. Closed session adjourned at 7:44pm

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ March 3, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_