

Adelante Charter School

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Minutes for 2015-11-09

BOD Present:

Jonathan Lang
Jack Rivas
Dominic Paszkeicz
Brianna Aguilar
Dan La Berge
Amanda Lopez-Solis

Ed Heron
Nancy Dow
Juanita Hernandez

Minutes taken by Amanda Lopez-Solis

1. Call to Order, attendance, 5:31pm.
2. Consent agenda: Approve minutes for 2015-10-05. Minutes unanimously approved with no changes.
3. Review agenda: no changes.
4. Public comment: none.
5. Reports & Updates
 - a. Celebration of Teaching (4th grade). Fourth graders presented on soils, rocks and rock formation.
 - b. Teachers' Council:
 - i. 1st grade: investigation of air and water, balloon rocket race, studied Día de los Muertos, 2 field trips.
 - ii. 2nd grade: FOSS investigations, geometry unit using DreamBox
 - iii. 3rd grade: learned about musical instruments & had a visit from the music van
 - iv. 4th grade: geometry unit
 - v. 5th grade: visit to Chemistry lab, learning weather on earth, studying MLK
 - vi. 6th grade: preparing for field trip to CIMI. Learning about the ocean.
 - c. PTSO (Maria Tapia)
 - d. PTSO goal of raising 15k for the school has been met. Interest in using funds from event scheduled this year to purchase a playground structure and for field trips. Jack Rivas said there was a discussion at the budget committee meeting regarding the PSTO and working with the principal so that PTSO can make decisions about the use of the funds. The PTSO decide what to do with the funds raised through the guidance of Juanita Hernandez. The unspent money will carry over for the next year; it does not need to all be used now.

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- e. Curriculum Council
 - i. Reviewed the Title I budget; looking over proposed budget Educator Effectiveness
 - f. 2014-2015 Fundraising Report (Nancy Dow)
 - i. This includes fundraising by PTSO and staff. See attachment.
 - g. Budget Committee Report
 - i. Discussion regarding the First Interim Report, which will be presented to the Board to be voted on at the next meeting for approval. Want to come up with a 3-year plan to reallocate how the funds are being used. Nancy Dow will prepare this report for the board in the near future.
 - h. Educator Effectiveness Funding Plan
 - i. Board was presented with a proposed spending plan for 15/16 (this is one-time state funding) that can be used over 2 to 3 years. ACS' plan utilizes the funds in one year.
6. Principal's Report
- a. Highlighted #3 under Students. 78% of the students were placed in the 7th grade level for math or above.
 - b. Jack Rivas added that it seems that we are the "poster child" for this program.
 - c. Attended the iCAN meeting, goal of Jeffry Walker to meet with all principals at once; Jeffry Walker shared some of the challenges, i.e. role of the iCAN teacher. Our staff has a clear understanding of the roles, relationship and differences of our teachers and iCAN teacher. Juanita Hernandez thanked the iCAN staff for all that they do for us. There was no discussion as to finances.
 - d. *After school programs*: PIDA will have a presentation on 12/1 that we are invited to.
 - e. Computers for Families, is in the process of determining what families will receive a computer this year.
 - f. Mr. Macioce had to turn down 10 students for the afterschool MINECRAFT program, very popular!
 - g. Axxess \$14,070 went through the office and the school netted \$4,690.
 - h. *Fundraising for Adelante*: Montecito Bank & Trust luncheon: Monday Nov. 23rd 11:00 to 1:30; someone needs to attend or we don't receive the funds.
 - i. *Portables update*: 20 foot setback requirement regarding the placement of the portables, the buildings will be brought to the campus after school is closed as there is a significant amount of trenching that needs to be done and not while students are in session. It has been requested that planters are put in between the two new buildings. Important that we leave room for the kids to play soccer. Space is tight. The PTSO wants to install a play structure. This small space to be **dual purpose**, i.e. putting planters and benches around the planters so that it can also be a place of congregation.
 - j. Concern as to how the delay in the installation of the portables will affect the grant money.
 - k. The aesthetics of what the school will look like, once the portables are in place. It is recommended that "living wall" be installed, if possible.

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1. Principal will be attending the CSDC conference on Monday and Tuesday. Maestro Ramos serves as the Admin. Designee.
7. Action Items
 - a. Approve NCLB Title I Budget Revisions
 - i. Revision to our Title I budget presented. Over budgeted in benefits and it is recommended that this 10k be allocated for instructional materials and supplies.
 - ii. Jack Rivas moved to approve.
 - iii. Briana Aguilar seconded.
 - iv. Passed Unanimously 7-0.
 - b. Approve fourth grade overnight field trip
 - i. Fourth grade teachers presented an overview of the trip.
 - ii. See attachment.
 - iii. When the teachers originally met with the parents it was discussed that they had to raise 12k, but the teachers went back and researched the events and were able to bring the cost down to \$6,399.00. They have until the end of February to raise this money.
 - iv. Exploring different options for fundraising.
 - v. Dan La Berge moved to approve.
 - vi. Amanda Lopez-Solis seconded.
 - vii. Passed unanimously 7-0.
 - c. Approve updates to personnel handbook
 - i. The recommended changes to the handbook per our counsel.
 - ii. Jack Rivas moved to approve the changes.
 - iii. Jonathan Lang seconded.
 - iv. Passed unanimously 7-0.
8. Board business
 - a. Board Retreat-Strategic Planning Meeting
 - i. Briana Aguilar and Jack Rivas met with the teachers who attended Just Communities, they want to meet with the rest of the teachers and PIDA, office staff, and Juanita Hernandez all separately to get their input, in preparation for the Strategic Planning Retreat. That way if someone is not able to attend his or her concerns will still be heard. Looking to have first meeting in January or February. Pre-meeting with the 3 instructors and then Jack Rivas met with Paula Sevilla and Michael Macioce and they said teachers were very interested in meeting with Jack Rivas and Briana Aguilar. Non-teaching staff do not want to be left out. PIDA is going to meet with Jack Rivas at end of 8 weeks, if there are potential board members. All parties are aware of what is going on and are excited to participate.
 - ii. Will do evaluation of last strategic plan to compare/see what changes need to be made.
 - iii. Need to check on available dates for Judy Guerrero-Newton, as she will lead the Retreat.
 - b. Next meeting date & agenda items:
 - i. Next board meeting will be 12/7 Monday.

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9. Adjourn

Minutes Approved:-

12/7/15
