



## DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

### **DIA Board Meeting, April 12, 2018**

Meeting started at 6:21 p.m.

In attendance: Gabriela Benitez, Jesse Soriano, Rich Stowell, Brian Lowe, Mac Newbold, Ray Betancourt

Absent: Carmen Finn

Staff: Angela Fanjul, DIA Director, Brian Cates (Red Apple), Rocio Gonzalez, Board Secretary, Angela DeMelo – U of U MSW Student Intern

#### **Financial Report:**

Brian Cates with DIA Director regarding preliminary budget for next year, line items and compensations. We are at 75% through the year, reimbursements were submitted and we are within our goal. Enrollment holding steady as of April. Expenses are at 76 %, cash balance is steady. Brian will go over the budget with the board in more detail at the next meeting and requested about 30 minutes to present.

#### **Administrative Report:**

Review of Charter School board meeting:

Rich Stowell attended the meeting and reported that DIA was spotlighted during the meeting due to the phenomenal growth and improvement shown. The state charter school looks at about 7 areas or review.

They were amazed at the level of bilingual staff, the achievement and growth that has goes on. It was praised for what the school is doing and members present in knowing what is being done. It was a great outing and a moment of recognition. Rich expressed how great it felt to be part of it and indicated that the students shared a bilingual poem.

Brian Cates indicated that it has been about two years of hard work for the school and it has been amazing to see the growth. Congratulations to the Director, the Turn Around Team and the staff.

Comcast Cares information:

Director passed on volunteer registration. On April 21<sup>st</sup> will start at 7:00 am. Comcast will provide breakfast and projects will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided then. They will have t-shirts for volunteers. DIA staff will be in charge of leading most of the projects, which will include planting, painting the building, shoveling woodchips at playground, painting back of the building, buddy benches and sanitizing all PE equipment. Jazmeen and Angela will

assist in assigning people to projects. If it rains on the day of the event, teachers have planned some projects to be completed inside the school.

Parent/Student Surveys data report - Angela DeMelo – U of U MSW Student Intern:

Angela is a MSW student at U of U and has been doing an internship here at DIA. She created a series of surveys for students and parents. Data was shared with the board on 330 families, 257 students and 600 surveys done. The survey focused on quality of education, school environment and satisfaction.

Results showed that parents would like adult ESL parenting classes, basic computer skills, dance classes after school for kids. Programs they like are the student Uniforms and English-speaking parents want kids – Spanish class. Parents indicated that lack of childcare stops them from coming to the school. English speaking parents said they want to learn Spanish to help their kids with homework. Parents felt playground needs to be expanded. Improvements in playground. We learned how parents want to receive information. Spanish and English-speaking parents said text is number one preferred means of communication and only two parents said E-mail is what they prefer.

A focus group will be conducted and the board was welcomed to suggest any questions to add to the focus group.

Discussion about the importance of finding out why they answered they way they did. It may be an indicator of something else and also discussion about how to get parents involved in a parent council and having a mentor to help them understand their role and responsibilities and a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Harris Services presentation regarding maintenance/service proposal - Gavin M.:  
Tabled for next meeting

USUSTARS-GEAR UP & School Lands Trust. (Nothing new to cover-is concent agenda)  
Tabled for next meeting

**Closed Session: NOT HELD Tabled for next month.**

Approval of minutes: March 8, 2018

Motion by: Gabriela Benitez

Second by: Jesse Soriano

Motion passed

Meeting concluded at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting: 6:00pm Thursday, May 10, 2018

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