



DIA Board Meeting, November 14, 2018

Meeting started at 6:06 p.m.

In attendance: Gabriela Benitez, Mac Newbold, Rich Stowell, Ray Betancourt and Brian Lowe (via conference call)

Absent:

Staff: Angela Fanjul, DIA Director

Others in attendance: Rocio Gonzalez, board secretary.

Called to order by Gabriela Benitez, Board President.

Closed Meeting in Session at 6:08 and ended at 6:15

Motion by Gabriela Benitez

Second by Rich Stowell

Motion passed unanimously

Back to open session at 6:15

Vote on DIA Director's pay increase retroactive to July 1st

Motion by Gabriela Benitez

Second by Rich Stowell

Motion passed unanimously

Financial Report:

Final audit report was e-mailed to Board President Gabriela Benitez. The report presents no significant findings. Board members were invited to review it thoroughly and Brian Cates from Red Apple is available should any questions arise.

It was recommended to have auditors present at the next retreat meeting.

Budget is over operating margins. Cash levels are great and current enrollment is at 497. There was an adjustment for Gear Up and there was an increase. Discussion about preschool expenses and deposits. Overall budget is good.

Administrative Report:

Festival de las Culturas update and December events

The event was held and parents brought food to share. The program with 17 numbers performed, including dancing and singing. It was the biggest attendance so far and the children had a great time. The Ballet Folklorico will work with the school to teach the children songs, dancing, poems, food, etc. Our DIA's staff holiday party will be held at Rico's Restaurant. The possible dates are December 18 and December 20. An e-mail will go to the board with all the details. On December 14 DIA will hold the Christmas party for students and parents. Santa will also make appearance and the children will perform some dances.

Follow up on Board Background Checks

The board was reminded to complete background checks at their earliest convenience.

Summary of Meeting with State School Board

DIA is completely out of Turn Around. Discussion about bonuses promised to the teachers by the state.

Summary of next steps for final Turn Around grade information

Letters to be drafted from the school and board to send to the State Board. Also find out DIA's final grade.

Board Retreat Action Items

- Follow up on board e-mail access
- Board documents have uploaded to google docs
- Board did not get digital audit

Announcement

No board meeting will be held in December.

Approval of minutes: September 12, 2018

Correction to September Board Meeting Minuets: Language corrected to read Early Literacy Plan voted on and approved.

Motion by: Rich Stowell

Second by: Ray Betancourt

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to close meeting

Motion by Ray Betancourt

Second by Rich Stowell

Meeting closed at 7:15p.m.

Next meeting: 6:00pm Wednesday, January 9, 2019