



DIA Board Meeting, September 12, 2018

Meeting started at 6:08 p.m.

In attendance: Gabriela Benitez, Mac Newbold, Ray Betancourt, Rich Stowell

Absent: Brian Lowe

Staff: Angela Fanjul, DIA Director; Brian Cates (Red Apple), and Suzi Ramos, DIA Principal

Others in attendance: Rocio Gonzalez, Board Secretary.

Called to order by Gabriela Benitez, Board President.

Financial Report:

Review of budget summary and revenue. Cash balance is healthy. Some areas of expense are high due to insurances and technology, which will balance as the year progresses. Overall budget is on target. Federal revenue to come in October 1.

Upcoming changes in the budget include, after school program, full time After School Director with benefits and building improvement.

Enrollment was at 525 as of September 1 and currently we are at 503 students enrolled. The goal is to keep waiting list at 10%.

Administrative Report:

Policy Reviews/updates and votes as per state

Suzi Ramos, DIA Principal, attended the Literacy State Wide Conference related to Research and Studying. She also indicated that RISE is the new state testing program and SAGE will no longer be used.

DIA was in need of a new curriculum. Staff took a look at 3 different curriculums which included Santillana, Wonders and Maravillas. After reviewing all 3 options, teaching staff chose Wonders and Maravillas. Total price for the curriculums was negotiated by Principal, Suzi and it was purchased at a discount. This is a one-time expense and it includes authentic Spanish literature. The program includes text books, small group instructions with levels, a writing component, writing instruction and assessment. It also includes digital content on-line for 6 years.

DIA will continue to use the Illuminate curriculum. Overall staff is excited for the new curriculum, especially because they were involved in the review and decision process.

It was recommended to notify parents of the new Wonders and Maravillas curriculum and SAGE, the new State testing program.

Motion to approve new Wonders and Maravillas Curriculum

Motion by: Mac Newbold

Second by: Ray Betancourt

Motion passed unanimously

Board Retreat

Location: Snowbird

Dates: October 5th and 6th

Meeting will be held on Friday, the 5th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Saturday meetings will be from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Discussion about agenda items and time blocks. Board will finalize agenda via e-mail. Johana from Turn Around will be invited to present to the board during the retreat.

Upcoming Events

5K Puma Run has been moved to the Spring

Puma Pride Week still happening and will send all the details to the board

Feria de las Culturas scheduled for November

Building/HVAC update

It has been decided to hold off on the new units. Our units will survive the next 3 to 5 years and this is an expense that will not be made.

Closed Meeting

Opened at 7:28 pm

Closed at 8:00 pm

Motion by: Gabriela Benitez

Second by: Mac Newbold

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of minutes: August 9, 2018

Motion by: Gabriela Benitez

Second by: Mac Newbold

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting closed at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting: 6:00pm Wednesday, November 14, 2018