



DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

November 9, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at : 6:05 pm

Members present: Mac Newbold, Gabriela Benitez, Carmen Fenn, Jesse Soriano, Ray Betancourt, Rich Stowell

Members absent: Brian Lowe

Staff present: Angela Fanjul, Brian Cates (Red Apple)

Others present: Ken Grover, Director of Innovations High School, Rocio Gonzalez, board secretary

Financial Report:

Budget is right on target and ratios are looking well. Cash balance dropped some and we were 33% through the year at end of October 33% and budget is right on target. We had two students more from last month and it is the first time we have seen this much grown.

Regarding building expenses, after the bond there was an issue with the state pulling funds which caught up in the month of October. There were two expenses in the month of October and November should be fine.

Federal revenue report on current year actual and last years expenses. Liability insurance is high. Supplies areas will be revisited. Uniforms, classroom supplies running a little high. We will keep an eye on them.

How much spent at Fiesta and revenue. Brian will provide a report at the next meeting in January regarding expenses and revenue from the Fiesta.

We will lose the Turn Around Team funds which will only affect resources. However, for every licensed teacher we have we receive some money, also per grade/per pupil amount. The money could help continue the Turn Around Team. Title One Improvement will drop services.

The state has change their charge of accounts and some schools have changed to those new charge of accounts. We will keep our own and map it to theirs when we report to them.

Discussion about UCA Utah Consolidated A. State funds and how they are allotted.

Administrative Report:

Director's Report

Turn around school letter received indicating that DIA is exiting School Improvement Status. director.

Ken Grover, director of Innovations High School talked to the board about the school and its benefits to high school students. Innovations was created in 2012 and they provide self-guided

learning and their students can leave high school with an associates degree. He indicated they provide personalized approach and learning for high school students and at Salt Lake Community College. Teacher ratio is 20 to 1 and currently have 210 students in college classes. They also have connections with the University of Utah. Mr. Grover would like to come to DIA in January to offer students the option to enroll at Innovations. The Board would like to know if nationally other charter schools are following this type of model and what has been their experience. Discussion about what the model and personal education looks like. Innovations has been operating for six years and their graduation rate has been 100% and 90% with more students earning college credits. DIA could have a partnership with Innovations which could benefit its students. The Board suggests to continue research about the model and have Mr. Grover come back to share information.

Rich Stowell recommends to table the remaining agenda items for next meeting in January.

- Grant Monitoring
 - School LAND Trust:
 - GEARUP
 - IT Policy update

Approval of minutes: October 12

Motion by: Mack Newbold

Second by: Jesse Soriano

Passed unanimously

DIA Bylaws were circulated electronically today. They are shorter and more concise. They were already approved in the summer.

Discussion regarding new Board Officers:

Officers' role and responsibilities, addition of an additional board member and nominations.

Jesse Soriano recommended to discuss further regarding presentations on research on education and what it looks like in the future.

Board discussed the need to bring on the board new members from the legal, higher education, business, funding-development fields.

Nominations of New Board Officers:

Motion by Mac Newbold to elect Gabriela Benitez as Board President, Rich Stowell as Vice President and Carmen Fenn as Board Secretary.

Motion Second by Jesse Soriano

Motion passed unanimously

Board President will be effective January 2018. Secretary effective as of today.

The board will be informed the details for the Faculty/Staff Christmas Party.

IT policy to be added to next agenda

Next meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Closed at 7:45 pm