



## DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

### **DIA Board Minutes April 13, 2021**

Started at 6:08pm  
Virtual Meeting  
Roll Call

Board Members Present: Rich Stowell, Teri Neilsen, Alice Akunyili, Mac Newbold, Danni, Helbert, Mequette Sorensen.  
DIA Staff Present: Angela Fanjul, Rocio G. Fuentes  
Other: Nate Adams, Red Apple

Financial Report  
*Budget Report by Nate Adams from Red Apple*

The current budget is 75% through the year. The board reviewed budget revenues, expenses and pandemic impact on overall expenses. Our bottom line is healthy and next year's budget will include a 2% increase.

Nate Adams and Angela Fanjul, DIA Director will be working on FY21 budget and FY22 budget, including input from DIA program directors. The goal is to present the board with the said budgets for review and board approval.

#### **Action Items**

**Draft budget FY21 will be presented to the board for review at the May meeting**

Administrative Report  
Director's Report  
*Enrollment Numbers*

Our goal is to have 450 students enrolled by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently we have 408 students enrolled and 19 active applicants (waiting on additional information and documents). Our outreach efforts include social media and walk-ins. We are also waiting on Literacy videos to put out to the larger community. We are looking for kinder kids and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### *Review of DIA Initiatives*

As Title I school, we receive extra funds. The percentage of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, which is 90% in our school. To access MTSS (multitier systems of support) funding, we had to write a Learning Loss program. Our focus for the next school year includes three areas.

Tear 1: Basic instruction for all students, Tear 2: Targeted group instruction, Tear 3: Individual / one on one targeted intervention/behavior (Done by RTI staff/professionals). We know our students will need this and others more intense interventions.

We try to keep special needs students in their classroom as per state mandate to keep them in an inclusive environment in their classrooms. We have access to a social worker and we have a contract

with the University of Utah. We also have a contract with a company who conducts specific assessments. Our dual immersion practices were a bit lost with COVID and we want you as a board to know where we are headed.

Our summer program begins in July and we will conduct testing then. We will train teachers in June and we will provide aggressive monitoring, pre and post testing on a weekly basis. We will add supplemental activities such as hikes. Provide a balance between academics and activities. The data and interventions will be shared with the teachers.

#### *Teacher/Afterschool/Lunchroom/Staff Appreciation*

In May we celebrate Teacher Appreciation. This year with the pandemic, it has been a hard year for our staff and teachers. We would like you as a board to show your appreciation for them in some way. DIA director will send the board the dates they will be celebrated.

#### **Action Item**

**DIA director will send the board an email, including the plans of what they want to do and ways the board can show their support and appreciation.**

Plan for Gabriela April 30<sup>th</sup>

On April 30 we will be doing a special presentation for Gabriela. The teachers will have a special video with all the kids saying thank you to her.

#### **Hiring for Next Year**

Tabled for next meeting

#### *Plans for Learning Loss – Summer Program and Next Year*

The state accepted our Learning Loss Plan and what it means is that we will be able to bring experts to help us in what interventions and strategies we can use. We have reached out to the state as to whom they would recommend. We have funding to do this to bring in the experts to train our teachers, staff and administration.

#### **Closed Session**

Closed meeting under UT 52-4-205 (as needed)

Re-open the meeting for board vote (as needed)

None held during this meeting.

#### **Board Business**

*RSVP board meeting attendance/absence*

Teri Neilsen reminded the board to send her an email if with RSVP or absence from the board meeting.

#### *Board Bios for the Website*

Teri Neilsen reminded the board to send her their bio and photo by the end of April and Teri will send everything Angela.

#### *Board Communication: DIA Email and Access to DIA Board Drive*

All members are able to access the DIA board email. The next time you go into the DIA Board email, check if you have access to the shared documents. Add your information requested on the sheets.

*Board Membership*

Sandra Sanchez, who was present at the last meeting, indicated she is unable to join the board at this time.

Board Training

None tonight.

Danni Helberg volunteered to watch a video and plan a training session of 5 minutes from the UT Public Charter Schools Association. Watching a video and leading a discussion.

*Research/Topics by Danielle LeCourt*

**None to report**

**Action Items**

**Approval of minutes:** March 9, 2021

Motion by: Teri Neilsen

Seconded by: Alice Akunyili

All approved.

Motion passed unanimously

**Motion to Close today's Meeting**

Conclude meeting by 7:28 pm

Motion by: Dani Hellberg

Seconded by: Mequette Akunyali

Motion passed unanimously,

Mac Newbold announced today is his last day on the board. Mac joined the board on or about May 2010 and we thank him for his many years of service and contributions.

**Next virtual meeting: 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 11, 2021**