



DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

DIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023

Dual Immersion Academy

The meeting opened at 5:35 pm

Admin Item Added:

Today's meeting will be virtual, via digital only. As per our policy, DIA's Board Officers approved this change on 3/14/23 at 4:57 pm because the majority were not available for today's meeting in person and DIA Director will be absent due to sickness.

Attendance:

Board Members: Rich Stowell, Teri Slaugh, Dani Helberg, Mac Newbold, Alice Akunyili, Tereza Bagdasarova, Mequette Sorensen, Geraldine Harris and Dr. Victor Jimenez,
DIA Staff: Angela Fanjul, Rocio G. Fuentes,
Others: Nate Adams from Red Apple
Absent Members: Monica Cuellar and Juan Araya

Budget Report by Nate Adams, Red Apple

The report included current impact on budget and where DIA is for next year. It also included interests in investments, gains, forecast, covenants, operating account, state, and federal revenues. Report and discussion regarding to expenses related to high use of substitute teachers, travel expenses, classroom supplies and materials. Staff has been directed to spend only on what is needed. DIA's bottom line is at \$90,000 and trying to finish up strong.

The legislative session shows there will be education funding for kinder. DIA on its way to a good year next year.

Facilities by Rich Stowell

Discussion from last meeting regarding exploring the purchase of a new school building. Salt Lake School District has a surplus of buildings, and it is almost certain that one of four elementaries in our neighborhood will close. DIA would like to make a case to check for opportunity to move into a new building. Rich Stowell has called the superintendent to get in line. Angela Fanjul, DIA director has contacted a developer to check on our building's current value.

This issue came up because of the current playground plans and costs. Angela Fanjul is excited about the possibility of getting into another school that would be an upgrade to what we have.

Rich Stowell proposed to take a vote to affirm this option. All board members voted unanimously in favor.

A committee to investigate this possibility will be formed and will include Rich Stowell, Teri Slaugh, Mac Newbold (committee chair) and parents.

DIA Rebrand

Rich Stowell asked board members if they would be passionate about rebranding DIA. Discussion regarding new opportunities in marketing efforts to better position DIA to attract more students. Discussion about DIA's logo, school's identity, its purpose, and goal for rebranding. The main purpose is to increase enrollment, strengthen marketing strategies, our logo, our website, and our overall message. Rebranding process should include students,

staff, parents, and community's input, in addition to concerns and ideas to move forward. Rich Stowell will take all input to the officers and see what the process would be, the cost and price. Issue is worth exploring.

Policy Audit by Rich Stowell

There are Charter LEA Required Policies that the school must have in place. A spreadsheet was shared with the board previously where each member was assigned a few policies to check if DIA has a policy in place. Members should look on DIA's website, the parent handbook and our google drive. Note if a policy is available and check on the links below for templates for different policies that could be used.

Resource links for policies regarding the Policy Audit Assignments to board members:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x1sYlqi0RgeAtc74UX9dTxDZl7va7ISbxiA-95ADPT0A/edit#gid=0>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xOPUK36ZOdHlCdOBXjkXcyV0INv4lG3i>

Board Candidates/Membership

The board was reminded to update their email and contact information as needed to ensure is correct. Also check the shared link to the spreadsheet where the information can be updated.

Board Officers

At present, Rich Stowell is the Board President, Teri Slaugh is the secretary, and Dani Helberg is the treasurer. Rich Stowell will continue as president until end of this fiscal. He hopes Tereza Bagdasarova considers accepting the nomination for president. Other members have the chance to participate and maybe nominated. Rich Stowell will continue as a board member after stepping down as president.

Director's Report by Angela Fanjul

Tabled for the next meeting.

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

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

None held.

Approval of minutes: February 14, 2023

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Dani Helberg

Motion passed Unanimously.

Motion to close the meeting.

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Mac Newbold

Motion passed Unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 6:45 pm

Next board meeting:

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm