



## DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

### **DIA Board Meeting, September 8, 2020**

Virtual Meeting Began at 6:08 p.m.

Board members: Gabriela Benitez, Rich Stowell, Mac Newbold  
DIA Staff: Angela Fanjul, Rocio G. Fuentes  
Other: Nate, Red Apple, Teri Neilsen  
Absent: Danielle LeCourt

#### **Financial Report**

Budget Report

Nate Adams from Red Apple

*Salt Lake County CARES Act award letter*

As part of the County's COVID-19 emergency response, Salt Lake County has determined that assisting charters schools in providing safe environments for learning, including the need for distance learning when determined to be appropriate, is in the best interests of the citizens of Salt Lake County.

DIA was awarded \$21,219, which will be used in conjunction with the CARES Act. This money was not expected and much appreciated. Nate will meet with DIA Director, Angela to discuss the best and appropriate use of those funds. DIA will send reimbursement requests to the Salt Lake County.

*September 9 Data Submission letter from the State*

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) made a one-time emergency data collection provision to Rule R277-419 for the purpose of seeing an early count of K-12 enrollments. The USBE is going to use the data from the September 9, 2020 data poll to produce enrollment estimates to get an idea of what to expect in October.

Because of all the movement, happening with enrollment and attendance, DIA's budget for this year and next year may be affected. We will have to wait and see what transpires from the data collection.

Nate shared both letters with the board via e-mail.

*DWFS Grant*

Nate will follow up with Susie Estrada regarding the grant. Many of the expenditures include the summer program, COVID-19 compliance, curriculum, technology and sanitation.

*Audit Update*

The audit is currently in progress and Nate is working closely with auditors providing everything they need. The audit will be sent to the state at the end of September.

## **Administrative Report**

### **Director's Report**

#### *1st Day of School Report*

We started a soft opening the last two weeks and conducted academic testing to students, provided orientation and training to parents related to COVID-19, platforms and on-line learning programs. We had over 83% parent attendance.

Today was our first full day and we had hurricane weather. The power went out throughout the school after 8:30 a.m. Teachers kept teaching and cold lunches served to the students. School dismissal was difficult due to power outage and After School Program was cancelled. If we have no power tomorrow, we will cancel school. We had one teacher unable to attend due to fallen trees at her home and we had auxiliary helping today.

#### *Document Review for Compliance with R277-474*

DIA Director, Angela sent the board articles related to Substantiated Child Abuse Count, UT Adolescent Birth Data 2016 and UT STD Survey Report. The board must affirm that they have read them and are aware of them. Not all board members were able to read it. All board members will read the articles and will send an e-mail to DIA Director, Angela as confirmation they have read them.

#### *Current Enrollment - staffing*

We have approximately 460-465 students enrolled. Due to COVID-19 enrollment continues to change and 28% of students opted for on-line learning from home. DIA hired a new full time Long Distance Learning Coordinator to work with families on a daily basis. Enrollment is open and understand that it will continue to show movement.

### **Closed Session**

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

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

### **Board Business**

#### **Board Brief**

##### *Annual Board Training*

*Rich Stowell*

Discussion regarding the importance of continued training for board members and next board retreat. It was agreed to meet in person for the board retreat taking all the necessary health and safety precautions. It was decided to hold the next board retreat at Snowbird on October 9 and 10. Rich Stowell sent a calendar invitation to all board members to note those dates.

##### *Research/Topics*

*Danielle LeCourt*

None presented

#### *Candidates for Board Membership*

Board president, Gabriela Benitez proposed Teri Neilsen as a new member on the board. Teri was introduced to the board at a previous meeting.

**Motion to accept Teri Neilsen as a new board member**

**Motion by:** Gabriela Benitez

**Seconded by:** Rich Stowell

**Motion passed unanimously**

We welcome Teri Neilsen and looks forward to her participation and contributions on the board.

*Introduction of two (2) possible board member candidates*

Board president Gabriela Benitez indicated that Silvia and Danielle at two individuals interested in the possibility of joining the board. Silvia benefited from bilingual education, graduated from the University of Utah, worked at the VA, and is very enthusiastic. Danielle is a CPA and the board is excited for the opportunities to bring new members with knowledge and expertise that will strengthen the board. Both candidates may visit DIA for a tour, and meet DIA staff and DIA Director.

**Motion to Approve August 11, 2020 Minutes**

**Motion by:** Gabriela Benitez

**Seconded by:** Mac Newbold

**Motion approved unanimously**

Meeting concluded at 7:04 pm

**Next meeting:**

Board Retreat scheduled on October 9 from 4:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Snowbird.

The regular board meeting will be in session on October 10 from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and available through an open zoom meeting.