



DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

Board Minutes, December 8, 2020

Began at 6:01 pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Board Members: Gabriela Benitez, Danielle LeCourt, Danni Helbertg, Rich Stowell, Teri Neilsen, Mac Newbold
Staff: Angela Fanjul, Rocio G. Fuentes
Others: Nate Adams from Red Apple, Alice Akunyili and Teresa Bagdasar

Financial Report

Budget Report Nate Adams from Red Apple

The board reviewed the budget detail report and overall it looks good. The State is conducting reconciliation of projected revenues after the October counts. The level of reporting has gone up, like local revenues and a few miscellaneous items. No significant change in federal funds. The PPE and Corona Virus grants will be spent in December.

Administrative Report

Director's Report

Fee Schedule Review (2nd meeting)

The fee schedule was reviewed and discussed. There was no public comment received at the school or by the board.

Motion to Approve the Fee Schedule Review as presented:

Motion by: Rich Stowell

Seconded by: Mac Newbold

Motion Passed Unanimously

Voting on Definition of At Risk Students

Tabled for January's board meeting

Enrollment

DIA is currently has 441 students enrolled. The numbers are low due to COVID. Enrollment efforts will gear up in January and we will increase the use of social media and welcome any ideas from the board. Discussion about the creation of a board marketing committee to help in such efforts.

Faculty/Staff Party

DIA staff completed a survey to get their input as to their preference to the faculty holiday party and 32 decided they will join in person and 10 will be celebrating via virtual. The plan is to meet

at a Venezuelan restaurant that will include all the precautions and social distancing. DIA director extended invitation to the board and she will send the board the details of the event.

Parent Recognition Award

We would like to recognize a DIA parent who has volunteered for over a month outside during dismissal time. If any board member can come to DIA tomorrow at around 2:45, we plan to present her an award including flowers, a certificate of acknowledgement and a gift certificate.

Closed Session

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

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

No closed session held during today's meeting.

Board Business

Board Brief

Training on The Open and Public Meetings Act

Rich Stowell will send the board an email including the required video-trainings to be discussed at the next meeting.

Board Sub Session Options – Outgoing Board President

Gabriela Benitez, outgoing board president expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to be the board president and the experience of serving as a board member. DIA and all board members thank her for her valuable contributions and wish her much success in her life and endeavors. She will be missed.

Gabriela Benitez proposed Rich Stowell as the new DIA Board President.

Motion to Approve Rich Stowell as the new DIA Board President:

Motion by: Gabriela Benitez

Seconded by: Danielle LeCourt

Motion Passed Unanimously

Board members congratulated Rich Stowell in his new position and role.

Candidates for Board Membership

Teresa Bagdasarova and *Alice Akunyili*, possible candidates for board membership:

Teresa is now with the Woman's Business Center of Utah soon to go to join the United Wayas their new Network Director, also owns a business and is involved with the art community.

Teresa met *Gabriela* at the South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce and learned about DIA's mission and vision.

Alice Akunyili has an education in medicine, has lived in California, New York and New Jersey. She was recruited a Dean of Medical School and recently moved to Utah. She is a big supporter of education and innovation. Her mother is from Europe, her father is from Africa, and she speaks six languages. She is very excited about DIA's vision and mission and is ready to join the board.

Motion to Approve Alice Akunyili as a new DIA board member:

Motion by: Rich Stowell
Motion seconded by: Gabriela Benitez
Motion Passed Unanimously

Research/Topics Danielle LeCourt

Discussion regarding homework during COVID-19 and impact on students creating stress and loss of interest due to long hours to complete assignments and missing on family and fun times. Danielle presented information regarding research showing how homework can be good and more effective, quality vs. quantity. Danielle offered to provide DIA director with talking points to share with her Education Director and start a conversation about it.

Approval of Board Minutes:
Motion to Approve the November 10, 2020 Minutes
Motion by: Gabriela Benitez
Motion seconded by: Mac Newbold
Motion Passed Unanimously

Conclude meeting by 7:18 pm

Next virtual meeting: 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 12, 2020