



## DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

### **DIA Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 9, 2022**

Dual Immersion Academy

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#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

Home of Board President, Rich Stowell

1530 West Indiana Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84104

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm  
Meeting attendance was in-person

#### **Attendance:**

Board Members Present: Rich Stowell, Teri Slauch, Mequette Sorensen, Geraldine Harris,  
DIA Staff: Angela Fanjul and Rocío G. Fuentes  
Absent: Juan Araya, Monica Cuellar, Alce Akunyili, Tereza Bagdazarova, Danni Helberg, Dr. Victor Jimenez and Nate Adams

#### **Financial Report**

*Budget Report by Nate Adams, Red Apple*

Nate was unable to attend today's meeting. DIA director, Angela Fanjul reported there were several expenses in May due to curriculum and getting the school started. She also reported there was an IRS reimbursement. ESSER I funds are expiring and ESSER II will be spent by next year. After ESSER III DIA will not receive any more of these funds. The finance committee has been working on how to best allocate and spend the funds.

#### **New Policy from State Board of Education – Library Materials Policy (discussion & vote)**

On July 27 the UT State Board of Education approved a Library Materials Policy. The policy provides guidance to districts and charter schools for reviewing possible sensitive materials in schools. We need to use this model policy to draw our own policy. Board president read the policy to the board members present. The model policy must be reviewed and approved by the board by September 1. The board members present agreed in admitting the policy, however, the board president will send an email to the full board to emit votes via email. A committee including Angela Fanjul, Mequette Sorensen, Suzi Ramos and a parent from the Parent Council will get together to draw the policy. No objections made; therefore, the board will proceed as mentioned above.

#### **DIA Building Refinance – Update by Dani Helberg (Done by Angela)**

Refinancing of DIA's building is in process and going through and the closing date is scheduled on August 25.

#### **Board Candidates/Membership**

*Proposed Amendment to Article Viii-Officers, Section I.*

Currently second section shows that there are no board terms and once you are off as an officer you are out. Discussion included specification of term length and officer terms. Transition term of six months to ease out outgoing members and incoming members. Opinions voiced indicated to have terms delineated, such as two-year term membership. Board president will draft a policy to present to board at next meeting during the board retreat.

## **DIA Board Retreat September 30 – October 1, 2022**

Reminder and discussion of needs and topics

Governance will be an item to be included and looking to have someone from the State Office of Charter Schools to provide the training. Also include policies and bylaws to the agenda. DIA director requested to include Lilian Hardell, dual immersion expert to the agenda. Discussion also regarding having grant writer Mark to help write a capital campaign to fundraise money. DIA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary could also be included in the agenda.

## **Board Training by Rich Stowell**

None provided

## **Director's Report by Angela Fanjul**

*Early Learning Plan by Suzi Ramos (discussion & vote)*

This plan is the same as last year. The voting will be done via email. Should the board have any questions, they can email Suzi Ramos.

## **DIA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (update)**

DIA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary could also be included in the agenda.

## **Agenda Items Added by DIA director, Angela Fanjul**

### *Enrollment*

Currently DIA has 470 students enrolled and getting a higher number of kinder students. There will be two kinder-classes and will be hiring another kinder teacher. Director also reported that in student retention in the last 5 years, DIA was the highest in the last 3 years. Enrollment will continue to have a wait list.

### *Statistics/end-of-year data:*

Rise scores in comparison with other schools, DIA ranks above them in every category. Discussion of importance of publishing those achievements on social media.

### *Back area upgrades - Budget for building upgrades*

DIA director reported they are working with a company to create a plan for rebuilding the school in the next 10 years. The company architect walked through the school area, asked about mission and vision to bring it to the landscaping and make it sustainable. They've done beautiful things at Neighborhood House in the community. The areas of most need will be targeted first.

### *Feria de las Culturas Nov 3, 2022*

A meeting will be scheduled before August 15 to plan the event and create teams. Each team will have specific tasks and expectations. The DLI Committee will work with Tatiana to plan afterschool dismissal for the day of the event. We want to plan well so that food is managed better this year.

**Action Item is:** To set a date for a planning meeting

### *Espanolandia (Spring 2023) & BYU Espanolandia*

A committee will research BYU and UVU models, schedule meetings to plan replicating at DIA: A group of DIA students will be prepared to attend at BYU of UVU

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

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

None held.

**ACTION:**

Keep DIA 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a standing item on future agendas

**Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2022**

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Rich Stowell

Motion passed unanimously

**Motion to close the meeting:**

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Mequette Sorensen

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting concluded at 7:15 pm

**Next meeting: September 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm**