



DUAL IMMERSION ACADEMY

DIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2022

Dual Immersion Academy

The meeting opened at 5:35 pm

Meeting attendance was in-person and virtual

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Rich Stowell, Tereza Bagdasarova, Teri Slaugh, Mequette Sorensen, Juan Araya, Geraldine Harris, Alice Akunyili, Monica Cuellar, Danni Helberg and Dr. Victor Jimenez

DIA Staff: Angela Fanjul, Rocio G. Fuentes, Gloria Tapia, Shannon Sacher and Melany Bosch

Other: Mac Newbold

Absent: --

Budget Report by Nate Adams, Red Apple

Nate Adams and board member, Dani Helberg met as the finance committee. The report included interests on investments, principal amounts, state revenues, enrollment, lunch program, expenses and overall review of the budget.

DIA Remodeling Project – Abe Neilsen, FFKR Architects

Tabled for the next board meeting.

Board Candidates/Membership

Mac Newbold, former board member is interested in participating once again on the board. Mac has extensive experience and knowledge about DIA's history that will be beneficial for the board.

Rich Stowell, current board president announced that he is stepping down from his position as president and he is proposing Tereza Bagdasarova for the position. This item will be addressed at the January 2023 board meeting.

Motion to accept Mac Newbold as a new board member

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Monica Cuellar

Motion passed unanimously

The board welcomed Mac Newbold as a new board member.

Policy Audit (discussion)

Required state policies will be addressed gradually beginning January 2023 as board members work on assigned review of policies. This will be an ongoing project to ensure we are in compliance as required by the state.

TSSA Plan & Budget Framework / Vote

Gloria Tapia, Assessment Director, and Suzie Ramos, Principal presented the TSSA Plan & Budget Framework to the board. The plan was sent to the board in advance for their review. There were no questions.

Follow-up Board Retreat Action Items

DIA Board Meeting Expectations

During the board retreat there was discussion about what are the board expectations and how we can utilize everyone's talents, experience, and knowledge for the school's benefit. Items include engagement and accountability, state compliance policies, clarification of roles and responsibilities, improvement of meetings, be more intentional.

Board Training

Tabled for next meeting

Director's Report by Angela Fanjul

Preschool student issue (discussion of issue requested by Shannon Sanchez)

We have a preschool student from a single-family home whose sister had attendance issues and concerns in the past. When her brother was back in school, her attendance improved. We are helping with resources for the family, such as childcare. We want to keep this little boy in school because it is a stable environment for him and his sister. This will improve her attendance and overall, both will benefit academically. This little boy is enrolling in our kindergarten class; however, we need to look for \$500 scholarship for him to continue attending school. Rich Stowell indicated he has a solution and will coordinate with DIA director.

22-23 Data Update/Exit from CSI Info - Suzie Ramos and Gloria Tapia

Gloria Tapia, Assessment Director presented a report to the board regarding the State Assessments, WIDA, Access 2.0 ELL levels 1-4, kinder literacy, and numeracy: 1st and 3rd grade scores and average growth. The report also included the 2021 RISE and map growth, 2021 ELA RIST, 2021 ELA SGP 4-7th grade, 2021 Math RISE, and 2022 MAP growth – Language arts and reading.

Motion to approve the 22-23 Data Update as presented to the board of directors.

Motion by: Alice Akunyili

Seconded: Teri Slauch

Motion approved unanimously

DIA 15th Anniversary (update)

Tabled for the next meeting

Feria de las Culturas – November 3, 2022

The event was a success, and we had a high turnout of parents and students. As part of the planning for the event, all teachers were invited to participate in the Hispanic Heritage month through the classroom curriculum, which included the writing of legends, poems, art show and dances. There was enough food for everyone, and this year's event is the highest turnout we've had.

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

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

None

Approval of minutes: October 1, 2022

Motion by: Teri Slauch

Seconded by: Monica Cuellar

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to close the meeting by: Mac Newbold

Seconded by: Alice Akunyili

Motion passed unanimously

The meeting concluded at 7:01 pm

THERE WILL BE NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER

Next meeting: January 10, 2023, at 5:30 pm