



Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School
P. O. Box 871433 Wasilla, Alaska 99687-1433
(907) 745-2223 (info@fronteras-k8.us)



APC Board Meeting
Location: Middle School Portable
June 11, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Determine Quorum Number required for a quorum: 5

III. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

Motion unanimously approved.

IV. Review meeting protocol

V. Persons to be Heard – 30 minutes maximum

Jen Renee – Expressed concern about class level configurations without Board being aware and how that happened. Concerned about quality of teachers hired – would like to see new teachers partnered with mentor (local level, state level, whatever). Commended Fronteras staff for being at MIMZI training – Science/Math – 3 year commitment – hoping to see them follow thru for the whole 3 years.

*Kathy Moffitt – organizes mentor training for district
Wants all middle and high school teachers to take training mentioned by Jan Rene. Attended school board retreat Shared Fronteras procedure for enrollment – they were impressed.*

Sonya Cook – Concerned about another change with grade level split – doesn't want the staff and board to appear on different pages.

VI. Standing Agenda

A. Approval of meeting minutes from April, 2013 – postponed to May

B. Chair Report 5-10 minutes

Jackie Cochran and Joe Dinwiddie are currently off the board because they have resigned their positions at Fronteras. Both may re-apply to the Board. Jackie as a Community Member at Large and Joe as a Parent.

C. Principal's Report 15 – 30 minutes

- Budget for 2012-2013 school year
Purchased ATV w/ plow Building shed to house new portable coming to Fronteras by June 30
- Student performance & curriculum-
SBA results (grades 3-8) – kids improved substantially
- 2013/14 Enrollment = 260

1	46
2	47
3	31
4	31
5	26
6	18
7	7
8	8

- Hiring
Hired Sra. Almenas for 1st grade (Spanish partner to Mrs. Ward)
Interviews for the remaining open positions will happen soon waiting for results of this meeting.

D. Treasurer’s Report - 5 *minutes*—*no report*

E. Committee/Team Requests

- Facilities Committee Report
Will be addressed later in evening by presenter: Scott Johannes
- Board Development Committee discussion--postponed

VII. Unfinished Business- Action Items

- A. Grade level structure for classrooms
Much discussion on the following:
How grade levels were decided
How kids are assigned (most parent requests have taken care of that)
Is the problem more teacher education or training
Lots of discussion about best choices for teachers/classes/kids
Team teacher approach better? One Spanish/One English
Brittney Pierce not qualified to teach 5th – is it fair to ask her to take test this summer to become a 5/6 teacher

Michelle’s proposal for grade level configuration:

K	23
	23
1 / 2	23
	23
	23
	23
3 / 4	20
	21
	21
5 / 6	21
	21
7 / 8	15

Motion:

Chris moved to accept principal's structure with revisions to be vetted thru board with understanding that multi-age is a priority -

Gwen second

Motion tabled so presenter could speak

B. Facility for 2014/15

Special guest Scott Johannes with Criterion Contracting came to discuss building options. Michelle introduced him, then had to leave the meeting.

While visiting with Scott, Jennifer came up with a revised class level configuration.

New proposal from Jennifer:

K	23
K	23
1	23
1	23
2/3	22
	23
	23
3 /4	20
4/5	23
	24
6-8	16
	17

Motion: Chris moved to accept Jen's proposed plan as revised. Jill seconds
Discussion ended

Motion carried unanimously (Michelle absent)

Motion: Chris moved to assert that multi-age priority for our school be recognized and maintained and the configuration proposed by Michelle be a model for our future facility. Nina seconds

Discussion ended

Motion unanimously approved (Michelle absent)

C. Hiring for 2013/14

VIII. New Business

A. Open board seats

Gwen will send email to staff to seek new board members – to fill vacant staff seats.

B. Time permitting, non-agenda items

IX. Executive Session--none

Matters generally include those affecting finances and personnel, the public knowledge of which might prove adverse or prejudicial.

X. Future Items/Future Business

Next regular board meeting: July 9th, 6pm

XI. Final Actions and Adjournment

APC Governing Board Members

Attending members:

Chris Whittington-Evans, vice chair

Jill Bang

Jennifer Schmidt, Principal

Nina Shaw

Mandy Lund, Secretary

Michelle Niland, chair

Gwen Schneider

Raeanne Stephens