



Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Board Meeting

Location: Joe D's Portable
May 8, 2012 - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order 6:07

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call/Determine Quorum Michelle, Jill, Jennifer, Marcus, Jackie, Gwen, Heather, Andrew, Nicole Tammy H.; Kati Saunders;

IV. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

Nicole Moves approve agenda with change to budget approval for 2012 -2013. Heather seconds. Approved unanimously.

V. Review meeting protocol

- Wait for recognition from the chair to speak
- Let people give their reports and ask questions after each report
- Keep non-productive comments to a minimum

VI. Persons to be Heard – 30 minutes maximum

- Must sign up before meeting begins, each person will have up to two (2) minutes
- Minutes may not be shared with others
- Comments shall be civil
- No public comment past this time
- This is not a question and answer time- Comments will not be addressed by the Board at this time.

Kati Sanders –

Read testimony. Site selection – support; Visibility of our Principal. Committees must be working and actively engaging parents. Board looks weary. Bring the board back together as a team. Spanish Immersion program needs to be elevated. Communication Committee needed. Board's role is to ensure Charter is fulfilled.

VII. Standing Agenda

A. Approval of meeting minutes from April, 2012

Motion: Nicole moved the board adopt April meeting minutes with Necia's name changed throughout. Andrew seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Chair Report 5-10 minutes

Charter passed through District. Goes to School Board next. Yay!

Summer Meetings? We will have a meeting in August, and be available to set up a meeting for any facilities related needs over the summer.

Annual Report – now a standard form through District. It is virtually done already. This is excellent news.

Hiring efforts; Board can give hiring Committee pre-approval to decide on First language Spanish speaker.

Motion: Michelle moved – we allow committee to hire first language Spanish speaker; Nicole seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Michelle moved we have no board meetings until August 7th – date for August board meeting; Joe seconded.

Motion unanimously approved. Board will be available throughout summer to come to a meeting for facilities or any other necessary reason. Andrew leaves in first week of July.

C. Principal's Report 15 – 30 minutes

- Budget Approval for 2012 – 2013 fiscal year; Principal Schmidt
- Student performance & curriculum
- Enrollment
- Parent communications/concerns
- Hiring
- Other

Linda Menard key note speaker at Graduation;

- Ellen Lockier came out and is doing a 2 minute story for KNBA;
- May 17th, 1 pm Award Ceremony; Ellen's husband playing Mexican folk songs at ceremony.
- Middle School Events: Breast Cancer craft fair; Rummage sale and car wash; Middle School doing some great things.
- May 15th, Colony Theater – Glee Club Choir Performance;
- Our own Graduation: is May 18 at 6:30 pm. Ceremony here at Fronteras. Dinner after. Janet has 4 different menu choices - \$950 for complete dinner (includes everything including decorations).

Motion: Heather moves we approve the \$950 for promotion dinner; Jackie seconds.

Motion unanimously approved.

D. Treasurer's Report- 5 minutes

- Check from VFW – we are still waiting for this. Necia turned it in today. Auction yielded \$2,298.02 raised by auction.
- Sharon Laselle worked on grant for Puerto Rico trip. Mailed sports equipment to Puerto Rico school. Cost was \$44.79.

Motion: Michelle moved we approve reimbursement. Nicole seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

Heather's family is moving. Will not be here next year. Last day of school will be Heather's last day of board work.

- E. Committee/Team Requests- *Written reports should be submitted to the Secretary 1 week prior to Board meeting for all Committees so that they be reviewed by APC prior to meeting*
Please keep oral reports as brief as possible

VIII. Unfinished Business- Action Items

- A. Elections – Board Appointment – Eric Hirschman. Only one person applied for vacant board seat. It was an uncontested seat.
Michelle moved that we approve Eric Hirshcman as our new board member. Teacher seats also up, No contest. Joe, Jackie, Gwen, Hilarie M.
- B. Committee Tasks –
Board giving direction to committees.

Hiring – we already approved hiring for first language Spanish speakers. Only thing to suggest additionally is to increase pool of first language speakers applicants. Craigslist, Facebook, etc. District will be putting our information on web site as well.
World Languages in Anchorage is also expressing interest/information to support. Job Fairs around the country. Foreign teachers can come for semesters. Their only requirement is that they have a car and take one English class. Can stay at someone's house. Can improve languages of Fronteras students in our own homes. Jackie has had great experience. Jackie has forwarded a link to Michelle about this. Amety/Exchange program. Summer hires.

Facilities – looking into money. New members?

Curriculum – A lot of research needs to happen. Spanish curriculum – standards, assessments and text books. Should be ongoing. Breaking new ground with District. Materials. Anchorage has a world languages program. We don't have the resources to have full-time attention to this which is what we need. Becky suggested we write our own curriculum. Three teachers for a week is what we need. Marcus - Put out an RFP to Corporations that specialize in this, which standardizes and measures our curriculum? Brining in Mexican Consulate. Andrew called them. Had a hard time talking to the woman. Erick Cordero is good friend of the Consulate. Teachers at Fronteras need to be clear on what the kids need to learn and what they intend to teach in all the grades.

Motion: Michelle moved we approve per diem costs for 3 teachers and Principal to meet for one week to work out curriculum needs. Marcus seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

Budget Committee – no treasurer. No direction.

Communications Committee (needed) –

Middle School Student body government; newspaper could be part of this. We need Communication within school as well.

Board communications – board updates in newsletters.

Board info at registration for parents (includes info on committees).

IX. New Business

- A. Board Treasurer Seat

B. Time permitting, non-agenda items

Motion: Michelle moved we approve the 2012 – 2013 budget as Principal Schmidt has laid out. Nicole seconded.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion: Michelle moved we go into Exec. Session to go over the Principal Evaluation. Seconded?

Motion unanimously approved.

X. Executive Session

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

- Principal Evaluation - Non staff board members and Principal

XI. Future Items/Future Business

Next regular board meeting: **June 12, 2012, 6pm**

XII. Final Actions and Adjournment

APC Governing Board Members

Jill Bang
Jackie Cochran
Joseph Dinwiddie, Vice Chair
Heather Gluth, Treasurer
Michelle Niland, Chair
Hilarie Mauldin
Marcus T. Reum
Andrew Reynolds
Gwen Schneider
Nicole Whittington-Evans, Secretary
Jennifer Schmidt, Principal

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