



# Christine Duncan Heritage Academy

## Governing Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Board Members: Ben Maes  Francisco Ronquillo   
Beth Esquivel  Elijah Esquivel  by phone   
Dr. Luis Quiñonez  ab  Rick Reichard  ab

**QUORUM:**  yes, 1 member by phone

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**Call to Order/ Roll Call: 5:11 pm**

Ben Maes

**Approval of Board Minutes:**

Ben Maes

Motion made to approve December 2019 minutes by Francisco Ronquillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Maes.

Vote: Unanimous

**Approval of Agenda:**

Ben Maes

Motion Made to approve agenda as submitted by Ben Maes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Francisco Ronquillo.

Vote: Unanimous

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### Reports:

President's Report

Mr. Ben Maes

2020 elections are coming up and many candidates are anti-charter schools. Many key members of Congress are against Charter Schools. Mr. Ben Maes asked the Board to please be active and vocal to promote Charter Schools.

February 07, 2020, Bilingual Multicultural Awards will be awarded at the legislature and CDHA has applied. All members are invited to attend the ceremony if we receive the award.

PED training is free/online. Please follow up and complete trainings. 8 hours for new and 7 hours for existing members for each year. Dan Hill is qualified to give training. Ben Maes is qualified to give the 3-hour training initial training.

Safe Schools for all Students Act, Board should enact and adopt bullying prevention policies that reflect the new act. \*We need to review background check policy.

Election of Governing Board members, nominations will be received next month, and voting will be held during the next meeting.

Teachers Report

Cristian Campo and Joel Sandoval

Joel Sandoval Social Studies Teacher, Cristian Campo, 5 teachers took and passed La Pueba for Bilingual endorsement. Congratulations! 3 more teachers are preparing to take the exam.

Cristian Campo, from Spain, is planning to stay 3 more years at CDHA. Teachers have activities to promote good and fair students. Christmas basket giveaway was held at CHDA like a tradition from Spain. Every company in Spain gives basket to employees. At the school, staff members had a drawing to win the basket. Tickets were sold for \$2.00 for the contents of the basket. Maria Baca won basket. A Ping Pong tournament was also held. Maria Palmetto won the tournament. Winter program: everyone was included. The project built rapport among the students and the staff.

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Student Council President's Report

Valeria Garcia

No report for this meeting.

Principal's Report: (see attached report)

Jesús Moncada

449 students are enrolled. National School Choice Week will be January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Convention Center. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be bused to attend this event. All Board Members are invited to attend. Employee changes have been selected and hired to fill vacancies.

Professional Development Day, Monday, January 6, 2020. Almost all teachers attended. Parents will receive ESL classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8. January – May

New Door Gate was installed for the bus entrance.

New Appraisal was conducted, and a meeting will be conducted with Mr. Saylor to discuss the purchase of the building.

English Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 1:30.

**Discussion/Action Items:**

(A) Budget Update and Approval of BARS, vouchers, financials, and bank reconciliation

Angie Lerner

No BARS because of the Winter Break. Funds report was given. Teachers received monies for evaluation incentives the last day of school before the Winter break.

CDHA received an award letter in order to conduct Tuesday/Thursday ESL classes for parents of our students.

Motion made to approve the Budget Update, vouchers, financials, and bank reconciliation without BARS and including award letter for ESL classes by Ben Maes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beth Esquivel.

Vote: Unanimous

Portable Update

Angie Lerner

PED gave CDHA a contact for a quote for appraisal of the portable. The value needs to be less than \$5000. We may sell/donate/dispose or destroy of the portable when the appraisal comes in.

(A) Discussion with possible Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar. Ben Maes  
School Calendar for 2020/2021. Majority of teachers voted yes for school year to be extended. APS is asking for new school calendar to be submitted. (Elem K-5 plus, a lawsuit was entered under Governor Martinez stating insufficient funding for students. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is giving funding to schools to fulfill terms of the lawsuit.) CDHA is already tutoring and holding after-school programs and we applied for extended learning together in order to take advantage of grants. CDHA scores are low for reading/math. Grant will provide more money for teachers to work extra days. Middle school will need 5 more days to be added. Pre-K will not be affected. The 4-day week for the year will continue. July 7 will be start date for Elementary school and August 11 for Middle school. Many teachers go to school in the summer and many teachers go to Spain and substitutes will be provided in order to accommodate the staff members. 2 calendars were recommended.

2<sup>nd</sup> calendar. All July K-5 plus optional for parents and teachers.

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Teachers at CDHA. Voted with K-3 optional and June off. Teachers from other countries want to go home in the summer, we might lose the staff.

Mr. Moncada would like to approve the calendar that has 191 days and extended day continuing the 4-day week but making K-5 Plus mandatory for teachers and students and adding the component of the Extended Learning Time Program for K-8.

Motion made to change the calendar to extended school year as submitted and keeping the 4-day week by Ben Maes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Francisco Ronquillo. Vote: 3 yes, 1-no by Beth Esquivel, passed on majority vote

If NMPED does not approve the new calendar with the 4-day week then the new calendar will have to be revised and submitted to NMPED.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:41 pm

Open Discussion: \_\_\_none\_\_\_

Next Meeting: **February 12, 2020 at 5:00**