

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Governing Board Meeting December 12 Meeting Minutes



- I. Call to Order** Called to order at 6:09 pm by Heather
Members present include Heather, Philippe, Misty,
Jody, Solveig, and Jen Manion.

II. Pledge of Allegiance *La Promesa de Lealtad a la Bandera*

Juro lealtad A la bandera de los Estados Unidos de America y a la república que representa una nación bajo Dios indivisible con libertad y justicia para todos.

III. Persons to be Heard

Nicole Sliwinski presented a kickstarter program called Seeds and Trees based on a children's book and the power of words. If we pledge \$1500 the author, Brandon Walden, would come to speak at our school and share personal experience. Nicole suggests open as assembly asking parents to attend, would include 25 signed copies of book. 9 days are left of kickstarter so the board would need to make a decision soon.

Mary Wargo spoke about how her kids are having a great year. She commented about the homework policy and how it has created more family time for her family.

IV. Good Things

Heather reviewed the protocol for the meeting regarding the business section which is our consent agenda, we will review all sections in no particular time frame, then will approve at end of discussion. Second portion of meeting will include generative discussion, chair will still talk

about new ideas.

V. Business Section

A. Approval of meeting minutes from October 10, 2017

No comments or changes to minutes

B. Principal Report - see attached report from Jennifer Hutchins

182 Schools were nominated for Capturing Kids Hearts and Fronteras is one of them. Swanson and Teeland also nominated, we are the only charter school nominated. Non district school events are tentative. We will still do STAMP this year.

Philippe discussed the 4/5 TAB team of 5th grade girls. The goal of the students is to take care of bullying issues before a student would need to meet with Mrs. Hutchins. They are keeping track of issues monthly and working with other students who are affected by bullying. Under supervision the students are visiting classrooms and introducing themselves.

Mary Poppins on March 28th. Will be an event at the Glen Massey theater for Fronteras Staff and students including 300 tickets. Free tickets will be distributed to staff and 160 tickets will be sold to families. Funds generated will be used for Field Day.

C. Executive Committee Updates

Treasurer report: Taxes were filed in November. Believe Kids Fundraiser raised \$10,020.60. The profits were distributed between the 8th grade students who kept the portion they fundraised and the rest was split between our Spanish Heritage Celebration and the Red Cross.

Our current balance at MVFCU:

Savings: \$25.14

Checking: \$19,037.84D.

D. Committee Updates

E. APC Board Action Calendar Update

Mr McBride will continue to teach parent Spanish classes on Tuesday nights to the end of the year.

Jennifer Hutchins motions to approve the business section, Misty
seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

IV. Generative Discussion

a. Faculty Minigrant Application

Minigrant application received from middle school teachers Cook, Pierce, and McBride. They are requesting \$1100 for middle school latin fiesta in mid January. The board has paid for previous fiestas. Heather would like the proposal to include \$100 for Mary Carmen who has volunteered to prepare food for the event. Heather motions to accept immigrant with the caveat they add \$100 stipend for Mary Carmen included in the \$1100 cap. Solveig seconds, all in favor motion passes.

b. Spring Schedule

Board recruitment comes quick in the Spring, we have 2 open parent seats and one open staff seat. Also openings for other committees.

Student Ambassadors we discussed as a board as part of our strategic plan. What would this look like for our students? Students would speak about immersion and benefits of our immersion program including presentations to the school board, assemblies, kindergarten night, and rotary. Would like students to really start thinking about what immersion means to them.

Discussed Champion for Children award for parent volunteers, Jennifer said she will email staff if they have individuals in mind.

Students on our honor roll were acknowledged at our last quarter assembly. Board members researched other middle schools and learned that Teeland, Colony, and Wasilla do a big event at end of the year for their students. Some do an evening of excellence giving certificates for 3.2 GPA, have desserts and have a presentation on stage. Wasilla middle does an ice cream party and students are called to the office. Jennifer loves to do honor roll at the assembly and giving smarties is a clever idea. Would like to do semester vs quarterly. We will do in January for our second quarter and then again in May. Concern that took a long time to give out awards and students/parents sitting through event.

MatSu Trails and Parks Foundation has money available to build trails. They have an application to fill out. Heather talked with Mr. Neilson and not sure if we have enough property to make a full country trail. Discussed possibility of connecting into the Alacantha system. Deadline is January 5, would like to submit a proposal.

V. Executive Session (as needed)

VI. Final Actions and Adjournment

Solveig motions to adjourn meeting, Misty seconds motion, all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm

VII. Addendums added by correspondence via emails after meeting.

From: **Charlon Heather** hcharlon@gmail.com
Subject: Puct Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: December 10, 2017 at 1:47 PM



To: Soeder Jody babybird@misonline.net, Eldness Solveig Solveig.Eldness@matzuk12.us, Adams Misty mistysue39@gmail.com, Hutchins Jennifer JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATZUK12.US, Charlon Heather hcharlon@gmail.com, Onfray Philippe Fernando Onfray@matzuk12.us, Denny Lynda sunnylyn@gmail.com, Jan Marion mailermon@me.com

Hey everyone-
Here is the link to the anti-bullying book that Nicole presented last night.

My thoughts: anti-bullying is always a powerful and important message to be promoting. I don't know about throwing our hat in with \$1500, particularly as we can't have a tremendous amount coming in currently. In addition, I am not sure how it works if Kickstarter doesn't raise the funds and the book doesn't end up getting published...do you get your donation returned? That being said, I think it might be cool to donate a smaller sum, such as the \$100 amount, which gives us a 5 hardcopy books if they raise their full amount and get published...perhaps we could tie into the 4/5 girls anti-bullying team as well.

Another question I have, since we are a capturing kids home school, Jen is there any anti-bullying curriculum or program that they promote or that we are already a part of?

ok, topic is up for discussion. Let me know what you think.

Heather

Begin forwarded message:

From: Nicole Silwinski <nicolesilwinski@gmail.com>
Subject: Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: December 10, 2017 at 6:02:25 PM AEST
To: Heather Charlon <hcharlon@gmail.com>

Seeds & Trees: A Children's Book about the power of words by Brandon Wilson — Kickstarter

<https://www.kickstarter.com/go/95513274/seeds-and-trees-a-childrens-book-about-the-power-of-words>

From: **Jan Marion** mailermon@me.com
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: DECEMBER 13, 2017 at 2:15 PM
To: Charlon Heather hcharlon@gmail.com
Cc: Soeder Jody babybird@misonline.net, Eldness Solveig Solveig.Eldness@matzuk12.us, Adams Misty mistysue39@gmail.com, Hutchins Jennifer JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATZUK12.US, Onfray Philippe Fernando Onfray@matzuk12.us, Denny Lynda sunnylyn@gmail.com

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I like your idea Heather for the \$100 and incorporating it with the TAG (?) group.

Jen

On Dec 13, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Charlon Heather <hcharlon@gmail.com> wrote:

From: **FERNANDO ONFRAY** FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATZUK12.US
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: December 13, 2017 at 2:58 PM

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To: Charlon Heather hcharlon@gmail.com, Soeder Jody babybird@misonline.net, SOLVEIG ELDNESS Solveig.Eldness@matzuk12.us, Adams Misty mistysue39@gmail.com, JENNIFER SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATZUK12.US, Denny Lynda sunnylyn@gmail.com, Jan Marion mailermon@me.com

I like that idea Heather. 100 bucks for 5 copies seems fair. Good question about getting a refund if the goal is not achieved...
Mr. O.

From: **Jody Soeder** babybird@misonline.net
Subject: Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: December 13, 2017 at 5:47 PM

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To: FERNANDO ONFRAY FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATZUK12.US
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I think spending \$1500 is a lot. It could be an option instead of the board purchasing the books we pull from library money. The books could be added to the library and checked out whenever. Just an idea.
Jody

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Lynda** sunnylyn@gmail.com
Subject: **Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Stinski at board meeting**
Date: **December 13, 2017 at 5:48 PM**
To: **FERNANDO ONFRAY** FERNANDO.ONFRAY@matsuk12.us
Cc: **Arlene Misty** mistysue39@gmail.com, **Charlton Heather** hcharltn@gmail.com, **JENNIFER SCHMITT-HUTCHINS** JENNIFER.SCHMITT-HUTCHINS@matsuk12.us, **Jen Manion** mallesion@me.com, **SOLVEIG EIKSNESS** Solveig.Eiksness@matsuk12.us, **Soeder Jody** babybid@miaonline.net

Hi all,

Just some info about Kickstarter...If a campaign does not meet its goal by the set deadline, you are not charged for your donation commitment.

Lynda

On Dec 13, 2017, at 9:45 PM, Amigos <mistysue39@gmail.com> wrote:

I read the FAQ and it states it's all or nothing. If funding isn't reached by the 22nd, it doesn't happen. Will the \$100 make a difference? Will you get it back if the funding goal isn't accomplished? The book sounds good, it kind of resembles bucket filling and bucket dipping. I am ok with the \$100 too.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jody Soeder [mailto:babybird@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Misty Adams <mistysue39@gmail.com>
Cc: Lynda <sunnylyn@gmail.com>; FERNANDO ONFRAY <FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US>; Heather Charton <hcharton@gmail.com>; JENNIFER SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS <JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATSUK12.US>; Jen Marion <malliesmom@me.com>; SOLVEIG EIDSNESS <Solveig.Eidsness@matsuk12.us>
Subject: Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Sliwinski at board meeting

I see Misty's point, so even if we decided to go all in for the \$1500 it is not a guarantee? We talked the other night just a bit about bullying at our school and it sounds like the 4/5 students have some concerns. Maybe this opportunity could help fuel what they started. Do we have a bullying problem? Is it worth investing in or would this money be better spent on another activity? If we can get the author out it sounds like it is a wonderful message for our kids to learn, possibly pulling in our student ambassadors theme we've been talking about too. I would support spending \$ for this kickstarter and getting the author to our school.

Jody

From: Jennifer Schmidt-Hutchins JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATSUK12.US
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Sliwinski at board meeting
Date: December 14, 2017 at 12:12 PM
To: Jody Soeder babybird@mtaonline.net, Misty Adams mistysue39@gmail.com
Cc: Lynda sunnylyn@gmail.com, FERNANDO ONFRAY FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US, Heather Charton hcharton@gmail.com, Jen Marion malliesmom@me.com, SOLVEIG EIDSNESS Solveig.Eidsness@matsuk12.us

HJ

I fully support bringing the author to Fronteras. We can never invest in students enough. This is a worthy cause in my opinion. We do not have a bullying problem in a negative sense. We have public school children with very different backgrounds, upbringings, support, beliefs, etc. learning to live, learn, and function together properly. Fortunately, we also have fabulously conscientious individuals who want to help minimize negative interactions and clearly define bullying. These young ladies are also providing strategies for students to help themselves with varying types of uncomfortable situations. I am so proud of these kiddos for taking the initiative. And thank you to all of you for being so positive and for supporting them as well! How about this: Library pledges \$500, the school pledges \$500, and the APC Board pledges \$500. Then we say that the assembly is sponsored by the Fronteras Library and APC Board. Thoughts? Suggestions? Concerns?

Jennifer

On Dec 14, 2017, at 12:56 PM, Jen Manion <mallesmom@me.com> wrote:

That is a great idea Jennifer! You are all so inspiring to work with.
I was trying to think of a way to involve the ASE Clubs in case that money is needed also.

Jen

From: **Amigos** mistysue30@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Silivinski at board meeting
Date: December 14, 2017 at 2:22 PM
To: Jen Manion <mallesmom@me.com>
Cc: JENNIFER SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS <JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATSUK12.US>, Jody Seeder <babybird@mtabelline.net>, Lynda <sunmylyn@gmail.com>, FERNANDO ONFRAY <FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US>, Heather Cherton <hcherton@gmail.com>, SOLVEIG EIDNESS <Solveig.Eidness@matsuk12.us>

AM

I fully support the split from school library/board. I would like to motion that we vote on the matter as it is time sensitive.
Misty

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 7:31 PM, Lynda <sunmylyn@gmail.com> wrote:

The best way to have an amazing environment, is to first create that environment and then support the individuals working to maintain that environment. I agree that our bullying issues are minute and the best way to keep them that way is to have the tools to help our kids understand what bullying is and what they can do to prevent it.

I would like to second Misty's Motion to split a donation for the Anti-bullying Kickstart Campaign, between the APC Board, Library and school of \$500 ea.

Lynda

From: **Jody Seeder** <babybird@mtabelline.net>
Subject: Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Silivinski at board meeting
Date: December 14, 2017 at 8:04 PM
To: Lynda <sunmylyn@gmail.com>
Cc: May Auers <mistysue30@gmail.com>, FERNANDO ONFRAY <FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US>, Heather Cherton <hcherton@gmail.com>, Jennifer Schmidt-Hutchins <JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATSUK12.US>, Jen Manion <mallesmom@me.com>, Solveig Eidness <Solveig.Eidness@matsuk12.us>

SJ

I vote yes
Jody

From: **Charlon Heather** hcharlon@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Kickstarter from Nicole Silwinski at board meeting
Date: December 14, 2017 at 10:22 PM
To: **Shaner, Jody** babybird@mtsonline.net
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Sounds like a good compromise based on everyone's input. So with a motion and a second, we just need everyone to chime in with a vote. I vote yes.

Heather

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I vote yes.

On Dec 15, 2017, at 7:22 AM, **SOLVEIG EIDSSNESS** <Solveig.Eidsness@matsuk12.us> wrote:

I vote yes. J TGIF!

From: **Amigos** mistysue30@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Slivinski at board meeting
Date: December 15, 2017 at 10:28 AM
To: SOLVEIG EIDNESS Solveig.Eidness@matsuk12.us
Cc: Charlton Heather hcharlton@gmail.com, Soeder Jody babybird@mtsonline.net, Lynda sunnylyn@gmail.com, FERNANDO ONFRAY FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US, JENNIFER SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS JENNIFER.SCHMIDT-HUTCHINS@MATSUK12.US, Jan Manion malliesmom@me.com

AM

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

From: **Jan Manion** malliesmom@me.com
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Slivinski at board meeting
Date: December 15, 2017 at 0:23 AM
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JM

I vote yes

Jan

From: **FERNANDO ONFRAY** FERNANDO.ONFRAY@MATSUK12.US
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Slivinski at board meeting
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OP

I vote yes.]

From: **Charlton Heather** hcharlton@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Kickstarter from Nicole Slivinski at board meeting
Date: December 15, 2017 at 11:44 AM
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ok, looks like it is unanimous and the motion to split a donation for the Anti-bullying Kickstart Campaign, between the APC Board, Library and school of \$500 ea. for a total of \$1500 donation has passed. It will probably need to be put into motion asap. Misty can you use the debit card to pay online? and the Jan and Solveig will take care of things through the school budget.

Thanks and have a good weekend everyone!

APC Governing Board Members

Heather Charton, Chair
Philippe Onfray, Vice Chair
Misty Adams, Treasurer
Jody Soeder, Secretary
Solveig Eidsness
Jen Manion
Lynda Denny
Jennifer Hutchins (ex-officio), Principal