

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Governing Board Meeting October 10 Meeting Minutes



I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Heather

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

No persons to be heard present

IV. Good Things

V. Business Session (Consent Agenda)

A. Approval of meeting minutes from August 8, 2017

Change spelling of Yeimy Francisco and spelling error under principal report should have “teacher” instead of “teach”.

B. Principal Report

See attached report. Jennifer also added PT conferences will be scheduled 7:30am-11:30am and 2:00pm-5:00pm Monday 10/30/17. Misty took pictures of Spanish Heritage celebration and posted on Fronteras Facebook page, getting positive feedback.

C. Executive Committee Updates

Report includes treasury and budget update attached to minutes.

D. Committee Updates

Fundraising. Misty suggests creating a “secret shop” for students to do holiday shopping using Believe Kids for next school year. It is too late for us to sign up this year. Regarding Puerto Rico fundraisers we discussed

having people come to the board for approval with ideas, also may go to Jennifer to discuss ideas. The group had several ideas for fundraisers including “nacho in a bag”, “Christmas Bazaar”, “crispy cream donuts”, “sponsor movie days”. Considering fundraising outside our school population.

E. APC Board Action Calendar Update

Add Mr McBride, Yeimy Francisco, and Olga Narino (a new parent) to Language Acquisition Members who will be teaching Spanish Classes for parents.

Jennifer Hutchins motions to approve consent agenda, Lynda seconds the motion, all in favor motion passes.

VI. Generative Discussion

a. Strategic Plan Priorities 2017-18

Heather provided a “Strategic Plan Revision” - see attached sheet Discussion included board members would like to be perceived as involved, supportive, and has the best interest of the school in mind as decisions are made. Agree would like the board to be “visible” including adding to the newsletter a ‘meet your APC Board member’. Believe that reputation of the board is changing in a positive way and are involved in many of the school activities.

Simple Action Items: We have lots of classroom volunteers, appropriate to recognize in an assembly. Misty commented that other schools have a specific event to recognize volunteers. Student recognition could be sponsored by both the APC Board and Amigos, attendance as well as honor roll could be recognized with a certificate or pin. Consider starting at 4th grade for GPA recognition. Attendance rewards for younger grades. Committee recruitment would require making one on one contact with a particular person/people who we would consider as a board member, also recruiting individuals as committee members including teachers and staff.

Regarding curriculum we discussed creating an exit survey for families who have left the school asking what they have learned. Also developing a transitioning program for our elementary to middle and middle to high school.

b. Community Partnerships

We see this as a priority for 2018, pulling into the discussion of teacher recruitment and having a “sister city”. Jennifer Hutchins states there is a lot we have already been doing. We’ve had Arctic Aviation where students did workshops and an activity going to the airstrip. This is a true partnership not involving money. We have partnerships with 109 radio station and Subway. Agree we do not want to fill fences with advertising, considering getting a lighted sign or placing benches on our property and partnering with businesses. Mr. Hutchins purchased bleachers for our soccer field which we would like to recognize. Agree that would like to assist students to think about themselves as global citizens and trying to arrange time in the week with local businesses to come to school to celebrate Spanish Heritage, possibly getting stories into the newspaper. Summarizing 2018 priorities:

1) Immersion - Students are the ambassadors, not focusing on educating parents as much but continue highlighting information already there.

Documenting our founding story.

2) Curriculum - Developing. Continue to measure success, phasing STAMP out and replace with external test for Spanish.

3) Partnerships -

Motion to express these 3 priorities for the Fronteras Strategic Plan by Solveig, Misty seconds the motion, all in favor motion passes.

VII. Executive Session

Session began at 7:35pm. Non board members asked to leave, closed door session, no minutes taken.

VIII. Final Actions and Adjournment

Solveig motions to adjourn the meeting, Misty seconds motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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