

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Board Meeting

Location: Middle School Portable

April 14, 2015 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order @ 6:05 by Chris Whittington-Evans

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

MOTION: Approval of agenda by Erik Hirshman. Amber Rinella 2nd -

UNANIMOUS

IV. Review meeting protocol

V. Persons to be Heard – 30 minutes maximum

Jill Bang read resignation letter from Mrs. Schultz

Dominic Harper

- *sharing positive comments about recent field trip to UAA*
- *comments encouraging Board Chair to lead as necessary*

Marcia Beck

- *“good things” about being greeted at Fronteras and all staff knowing kids, families and where everyone should be, special thank you to Mr. Nielson for giving up so much time for roller skating*
- *Positive for split out kdg and 1st grade Son doing great*

Heather Charton

- *thank you for board and the good thing you are doing*
- *Family is here for the Spanish Immersion*
- *Thankful for valuing immersion, hiring great Spanish teachers*
- *Separate stand alone English curriculum great improvement*
- *Split between kdg and 1st grade has been great*
- *Excited for new building*

- *Encourage Board to attend school and classroom activities to get a better idea of what is happening in the school*
- *Reminder to Board Working for everyone's kids, not just your own*

Jan Renee

- *thrilled with UAA field trip – youngest wants to attend there*
- *Mayor DeVilbiss key note speaker at 8th grade promotion, kids have a count down to leaving for PR (10 and counting)*

Special Speaker: Bob Bechtold with Matanuska-Susitna Borough Capital Projects

- Managed Academy Charter project
- Son graduated from a charter school
- USDA is a challenge to work with
- 16 months to new school opening
- Open for bidding (RFP) tomorrow (April 15) – project agreement between APC Board and Mr. Musey
- Very large percentage of money going to building – not Borough
- Challenges include competing interest Getting things thru purchasing and approved by USDA, road and utilities
- Project awarded in late May/early June to have building closed in before snow
- Access road will be put in from Teeland to our lot (and possibly the Day School)
- \$500,000 (includes utilities, design and construction of access road)
- August 2016 Confident we will be in a building then
- Will come back with updates thru the building progress

VI. Standing Agenda

- A. Approval of meeting minutes from March, 2015

MOTION: Raeanne Stephens moved to approve meeting minutes from March, 2015. Sandra Garrison-Page 2nd – **UNANIMOUS**

B. Chair Report

C. Principal Report

- Spain partnership will not happen this summer – we have to be approved at the state level first. Working on that with State Representatives. The teachers from Spain need provision to be accepted without taking the Practice Exam for Alaska since they meet all qualifications for highly qualified teachers while in Spain.
- Ms. Taner traveling to New Mexico this weekend with MSBSD for job fair – we have four positions to hire for fall; first grade English partner, 2/3 stand alone, 4/5 stand alone, music
- Mrs. Ramirez is finishing the year with Mrs. Krift's 2/3 class.
- H1 B Visa Update – immigration attorney, Margaret Stock, filed for the H1 B Visa on Tuesday, March 31
- Kindergarten teachers will be representing Fronteras at MSBSD Kindergarten Night
- Add to newsletter Need: meeting new teachers at airport and housing them during the summer
- STAMP powerpoint – presented by Sra. Hartman, Yeimy Francisco, Lilliana Taner
 - Standards-based Measurement of Proficiency
 - Reading, writing, listening, and speaking grades 3-8+
 - Strengths: reading and listening
 - Areas of development: writing and speaking
 - Use results to write Spanish standards that are aligned with the world national language standards (ACTFL)
 - Reinforce areas of development, use of target language as much as possible thru out instructional day
 - Results are used as a baseline for future

Overview of Spanish Language Arts

For each grade level ... posted on Fronteras website

Five Standards in each grade level:

- 1 Communication – Communicate in a world language while demonstrating in all four essential skills.
- 2 Culture – Develop an understanding and appreciation of the Spanish culture
- 3 Connections – Connect with other disciplines and acquire information in Spanish.
- 4 Comparisons – Demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparison of the languages studied.
- 5 Communities – Show evidence of becoming life-long learners by using the language within and beyond the school settings for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Each standard broken into four requirements:

- 1 Listening
 - 2 Speaking
 - 3 Reading
 - 4 Writing
- Strategic Plan Update
 - Notes from a break out session from staff workday ... on multi-grade/multi-age view
 - Jennifer suggested a work session paid for by the Board (per diem) to brainstorm on Strategic Plan priorities. She will get back to Chris on amount necessary to pay teachers.
 - Jennifer will decide when to update the Board on testing results ... at least twice a year.

D. Treasurer Report

F. Budget Committee Report

G. Board Professional Development Report, Nina Shaw

H. Curriculum Committee Report, Lilliana Taner

I. Election Committee Report, Jill Bang, Jen Renee

MOTION: *Jill Bang (Barrie Blackman-Greene 2nd) moves for the Board to accept*

the change to Article V Section 3.2 that reads

Ballots may be submitted by procedures determined by the Election Committee with the following considerations:

- a) Voting ends at least two hours prior to the Annual APC Board meeting in April;*
- b) At least 3 school days are to be allotted for APC members to cast ballots at the school;*
- c) The casting of ballots must be available at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the school day until 15 minutes past the end of the school day, or for a longer time after school if determined to be feasible. - **UNANIMOUS***

MOTION: *Jill Bang (2nd by Bianca Mako) moves for the Board to accept the change to Article IV Section 3.E that reads*

*The maximum consecutive terms on the Governing Board that ALL members may serve will be two (2), regardless if a change of seat designation occurred. (Line 129 remains in the Bylaws) - Vote of 8:1 – **PASSES***

J. Facilities Committee Report, Chris Whittington-Evans

K. Hiring Committee Report, Jennifer Schmidt

M. APC Board Calendar

- https://www.google.com/calendar/render#main_7|month (hard copy provided at meeting)

VII. Unfinished Business - Action Items

A. Family Survey Draft

- Discussion tabled due to time
- Submit any changes to Mandy by Friday, survey will be distributed to families reflecting changes

B. APC Board Flier - tabled

C. Charter Changes

VIII. New Business

A. Fronteras Budget—Actual FY2015 for approval

- Discussion on why we need to go through the budget approval process (direction from Charter)
- MSBSD allows charter schools to roll over “excess” funds from fiscal year into a CIP account, which is huge for us We plan on paying

down interest as we pull out money to build.

- Discussion on setting aside money to train someone on staff to help with health emergencies vs. hiring a nurse. Barrie will research how it's determined when a nurse is needed (per mainstream district schools ... is it when a student body gets to a certain size?)

MOTION: *Raeanne Stephens moved to extend meeting 30 minutes.*

Barrie Blackman-Green 2nd - UNANIMOUS

MOTION: *Amber Rinella moved to approve revised Fronteras FY15 budget. Erik Hirshman 2nd - UNANIMOUS*

B. Fronteras Budget—Projected FY2016 for approval

MOTION: *Amber Rinella moved to approve projected Fronteras FY16 budget as presented. Sandra Garrison-Page 2nd - UNANIMOUS*

MOTION: *Amber Rinella moved to adjourn meeting. – UNANIMOUS*

IX. Executive Session

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

X. Future Items/Future Business

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: May 12, 2015

XI. Final Actions and Adjournment

APC Governing Board Members

Chris Whittington-Evans, Chair

Amber Rinella, Vice Chair

Mandy Lund, Secretary

Raeanne Stephens, Treasurer

Jennifer Schmidt, Principal

Jill Bang

Barrie Blackman-Green

Sandra Garrison-Page

Erik Hirshman

Bianca Mako

Nina Shaw - absent

Jermaine Gilmore - absent

