

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Board Meeting

Location: Middle School Portable

February 10, 2015 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting Minutes

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

IV. Review meeting protocol

V. Persons to be Heard – *30 minutes maximum*

- *Meghan Bang – promoting PR fundraising dinner*
- *Jen Renee – excited about Borough Assembly meeting – wants to make sure we express our thanks ... including to Jim Colver ... maybe an article in the newspaper?*

VI. Standing Agenda

A. Approval of meeting minutes from January, 2015

MOTION: *Approval of meeting minutes from January, 2015 –*
UNANIMOUS

B. Chair Report

- Lynn Gattis put forward the initial capitol request along with Jim Colver – include in “thank yous”. Chris wrote a note to Lynn. Jennifer wrote thank you letters to all involved (MSBSD board members, Assembly members, etc.)

- Still working thru numerous steps to finalize the USDA loan
- Encouraging current board members that are needing to re-apply to be on the board ... to do so. Continuity very important with the process of building the new school. Think about recruitment We need to maintain/enlarge our student base.

C. Principal Report

- The five interested teachers from Puerto Rico that Ms.Taner was pursuing did not work out (unrealistic expectations, language issues, etc.). Finalizing partnership with the Spain Embassy. This will allow us to interview and hire teachers from Spain.
- Fronteras placed 3rd overall at JNYO meet and received Team Sportsmanship Award
- Congratulations to Malachi Stamoolis, Zoey Boenish, and Elisa Etingue Lehman for their awesome performance at last Friday's Reto de Adjetivos! Thank you to Sra. Francisco and Sra. Hartman for leading this fabulous opportunity! We were delighted to have Sra. Torres, Sr. Sanchez, and Dr. Paramo judge the competition this year!
- Upcoming activities: English Spelling Bee for grades 2-8, Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart, Battle of the Books, Middle School Fundraising Dinner, parent conferences, Spanish Spelling Bee, Quarter 3 Awards Assembly, Spring Break.
- STAMP Results
 - Report/letter from Sra. Cook – reflecting her perspective and opinion on lower scores for middle school
 - Discussion on testing/teaching methods – ideas on improving retention and enthusiasm for learning for middle school
 - Encouraged overall at the direction our kids are moving ... scores seem to be increasing with increased stability
- Update on 2/3 Teaching Position – long-term sub Dawn Krift is doing a

fabulous job

- Strategic Plan Implementation - Update will be given at March meeting

E. Treasurer Report

F. Budget Committee Report, Raeanne Stephens

G. Board Professional Development Report, Nina Shaw

H. Curriculum Committee Report, Lilliana Taner

- Inventorying all curriculum (almost complete)
- Working on developing Spanish curriculum/Curriculum map
- Been cautioned against purchasing materials written to native speakers

I. Election Committee Report, Jill Bang

- Discussion on make up of board (how many open staff/parent seats) per charter and committee recommendation

J. Facilities Committee Report, Chris Whittington-Evans

- Water fountains will be installed over Spring Break
- Heat in Sra. Mako's room fixed

K. Hiring Committee Report, Jennifer Schmidt

- Update on previous leads from Puerto Rico
- Pursuing partnership with Spain Embassy

Puerto Rico Trip Update – Brittney Pierce (add to standing agenda)

- Trip Dates 4/25 – 5/3
- 7 day tour with Vamonos (same tour as before) – includes rain forest, history, science, fort, orphanage (possibly instead of school), visiting an island
- All current 7th/8th graders are going (17) as well as parent Sam Flack and Cal Larson's aunt (both speak Spanish) - approx. \$2500 per student – fundraising going well
- Language component – Vamonos tours are committed to Spanish immersion tours ... they love leading tours from Fronteras

VII. Unfinished Business - Action Items

- A. Sandra Page update on immigration process for her VISA extension
 - Initial paperwork completed and submitted it – move to Principal report for future updates
- B. Administrator Evaluation
 - Simplified and ready to distribute. Will be distributed, collected, tallied and ready for board to review at March meeting
 - APC family survey will be revised (geared more toward positives/improvements of school, draft ready for board review in March – will be distributed via Survey Monkey)
- C. Lease Consultation
 - Meeting set up between Chris, other interested people, and attorney (looking for board member to join them) in Palmer to discuss; MSBSD attorney is also reviewing

MOTION: *Barrie Blackman-Greene moved to allocate \$500 from the APC budget to secure an attorney to review lease and obtain advice. Nina Shaw 2nd – UNANIMOUS*

- D. APC Board Calendar – move to standing agenda

MOTION: *Amber Rinella moved to extend meeting to 8:50. Nina Shaw 2nd - UNANIMOUS*

VIII. New Business

- A. Design Build RFP
 - Amber acting as chair when discussing Design RFP (so Chris W-E avoids conflict of interest)
 - Discussed process of getting into new building (a lot depends on USDA and MSBSD) ... hoping and working for July of 2016

Jennifer Schmidt requested that we support

HB 98 – written by Lynn Gattis. This bill will eliminate teachers having to serve jury duty during the school year (anyone with student contact). Please write letter to support and email to Jennifer.

MOTION: *Barrie Blackman-Greene moved to move monthly Board meeting to March 17, 2015 (original date conflicted with Spring Break). Raeanne 2nd –*

UNANIMOUS

MOTION: *Nina moved to adjourn – Amber Rinella 2nd -* **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: March 10, 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 - absent
Erik Hirshman
Bianca Mako
Nina Shaw
Jermaine Gilmore

