

Fronteras Spanish Immersion Charter School

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APC Board Meeting

Location: Middle School Portable

December 9, 2014 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order @ 6:05 by Chris W-E

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of the agenda for today's meeting

No objection

IV. Review meeting protocol

V. Persons to be Heard – 30 minutes maximum

- Jaci Crace-Murray (new 2/3 teacher scheduled to start January 6, 2015) came and introduced herself. She's excited to be here and to get started.
- Devon Wear with Middle School – update on camping trip plans, fundraising efforts for Puerto Rico incl mixed bag/SEEs candy sales/Christmas bazaar (travel dates: April 24 – May 1)
- Sonya Cook – update on middle school Camping trip in Chugiak at Birchwood Camp, requesting that the Board would cover the \$7/plate fee for Spanish speaking guests for dinner on Thursday night (more info under New Business).
- Nicole W-E – Gave the Board additional information on funding request from Sandra Garrison-Page for VISA renewal and related charges. Requested that the Board support Sandra and future native speakers in her position (the Board has done this in the past).

VI. Standing Agenda

- A. Overview of new board meeting format (based on Foraker recommendations)
- B. Approval of meeting minutes from November, 2014
 - Discussion on new format Meeting minutes will remain the same as previous months. Monthly written reports will not be included online, but will be available upon request. November, 2014 minutes will be revised and approved at the January, 2015

meeting.

C. Chair Report

- Chris is working with Borough ... USDA is requiring an interim (during construction 12-15 months) financing/loan. USDA voted to approve loan, the interim loan is a requirement for that. Decision will be appealed.
- Chris testified in front of School Board last week concerning a new secondary charter school that is trying to obtain approval. Spoke in support of, did not pass the Board. Encourages us to support since it's another charter school.

D. Principal's Report

- Discussed progress and implementation of STAMP.
- Current Enrollment – 241 (a family moved). Have not received final enrollment number from district yet.
- Budget determined by enrollment of 240. NEA contract ratified. COLA 1.25% and some bonuses.

E. Treasurer's Report

F. Budget Committee Report, Raeanne Stephens

G. Board Professional Development Report, Nina Shaw – see strategic plan draft

H. Curriculum Committee Report, Lilliana Taner – none

I. Election Committee Report, Jill Bang – under new business

J. Facilities Committee Report, Chris Whittington-Evans – under Chair report

K. Hiring Committee Report, Jennifer Schmidt

VII. Unfinished Business - Action Items

A. Strategic Plan adoption

- Ms. Schmidt will figure out how to plan and implement Strategic Plan (2015 Priorities). She will report back to Board in February.

MOTION: Amber Rinella moved to adopt the Strategic Plan as amended. Barrie B-G 2nd –

UNANIMOUS

B. Board Vacancy

- Discussion on board vacancy and how to fill. Recommendation brought by the Election Committee.

MOTION: Jill Bang moved to appoint Mr. Jermaine Gilmore as our newest board member.

Bianca 2nd - **UNANIMOUS**

Jermaine joined us for the remainder of the meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Board Calendar

- Mandy Lund will develop calendar thru Google Groups to document/inform Board of upcoming dates

B. Sandra Page requested the APC to cover immigration attorney fees for her VISA extension.

- Shared information on VISA options (H1 ... more expensive but long-term solution, J1 ... \$500 but only good for 3 years). Current VISA expires June 6.
- Additional discussion on how to prepare and help future teachers in similar situations. Possibility of tying in obligation to stay at Fronteras for a certain amount of time Otherwise pay back a percentage of the fees.
- Sandra will gather information and present it at the January meeting to clarify actual cost.

MOTION: Barrie B-G moved to extend meeting 60 minutes (until 9:00). Raeanne Stephens 2nd – **UNANIMOUS**

MOTION: Raeanne Stephens moved to allocate \$1500 to reimburse Sandra Garrison-Page \$500 for initial attorney consultation fees, plus an additional \$1000 to apply toward obtaining VISA; with more information coming in January. Amber 2nd - **UNAMIOUS**

C. Chris Cook requested the APC to cover practice expenses at AT&T center for basketball.

- Discussion regarding need of “real” gym space, rental pymt may assist with retention – showing obvious support of middle school.

MOTION: Barrie B-G moved to allocate \$2,860.00 from APC budget to cover charges for AT&T gym rental. 2nd by Amber Rinella – **UNANIMOUS**

D. Middle School Grant Application – Sra. Cook

MOTION: Barrie B-G moved to allocate funds (up to \$140) to compensate Spanish speaking guests for dinner at Middle School campout per Sonya Cook’s grant proposal. Amber Rinella 2nd - **UNANIMOUS**

E. Lease Renewal for Fronteras facility

- 2% increase (\$480/month) in lease amount (including some upgrades incl. lighting upgrades, mowing/landscaping).
- Negotiating drinking fountains in each building.

MOTION: Raeanne Stephens moves to exercise our option of extending our lease (including the 2% increase) through the 2015-16 school year from Northgate Church, contingent on water fountain repair in Building A and water fountain installation in Building

B. Erik Hirshman 2nd – **UNANIMOUS**

Chris W-E will bring back information on installing water filling stations in both buildings in January.

MOTION: Barrie B-G moved to hold a 20 minute executive session. Sandra 2nd –
UNANIMOUS

IX. Executive Session

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

MOTION: Amber Rinella moved to return to our regular meeting. **UNANIMOUS**

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

X. Future Items/Future Business

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting: January 13, 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

Jermaine Gilmore