ESPIRITU CDC MINUTES

Friday, May 24, 2019
10:30 a.m.

RMR Leadership Academy, Conference Room
4848 S. 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85040

I. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

A. Call Meeting to Order

Bertha Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Bertha Gutierrez – Board Chair
Armando Ruiz – Member
Rosemary Cardenas – Member
Norma Ruiz – Member
Frances Castillo – Member

Others Present:
Christina Eliserio - Chief Operating Officer-Servant Leader
Nayely Larios - Board Secretary
Armando Ruiz, Jr. – Chief Financial Officer-Servant Leader

C. Board Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Rosemary Cardenas made the motion to adopt the Meeting Agenda. Frances Castillo seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

D. Board Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

Frances Castillo made the motion to adopt the meeting minutes for May 6, 2019. Norma Ruiz seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

II. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items scheduled.

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Charter Approval (Relocate Jr. High)

Christina Eliserio shared information in regards to the relocation of the Jr. High students to the Reyes Maria Ruiz Leadership Academy Campus. Two primary reasons were given for the relocation:

1. *There are an additional 45 students moving to the NFL YET campus next year and there is No space for these additional students. Hence, some grade levels are going to have to move.*

2. *The recommendation is to move the 7th and 8th graders from NFL YET school (in conjunction with the 7th and 8th graders from Aim Higher school) because this would give us a better opportunity to address the academic drop in performance for our 6th graders transitioning into 7th grade for the past several years. Additionally, we are unable to remedy this gap for some students until the 10th grade. With the new curriculum and having 7th and 8th grade teachers working in proximity with 5th and 6th grade teachers, an academic seamless strategy and practice should be established for an improvement of academic achievement.*

Rosemary Cardenas made a motion for the approval of the relocation of the 7th and 8th grade students to the Reyes Maria Ruiz Leadership Academy campus. Norma Ruiz seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

B. Adopt monthly Financial reports

Armando Ruiz Jr. presented the monthly financial statements for April.

Norma Ruiz made the motion to adopt Monthly Financial Reports and Frances Castillo seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

C. Contract for Espiritu Schools

Armando Ruiz Jr. reviewed the Contract for Espiritu Schools and explained that we would need to increase the amount of the contract by at least 1% to ensure that we end the year in a surplus for both ESPIRITU Schools Inc., an Arizona non-profit, and ESPIRITU CDC Inc., an Arizona non-profit.

Frances Castillo made a motion to adopt the contract for Espiritu Schools and Rosemary Cardenas seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION

A. Arizona State Retirement System

An update was presented on the most recent meeting with the Arizona State Retirement System staff on the overpayment collected by ASRS from RMR employees. We are still weighing our options on legal challenges, an additional meeting will be held with our attorneys in early June to decide on whether to accept ASRS proposal of how to get the overpayment collected returned to RMR school employees.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Call to the Public

There was no response to the call.

VI. CLOSING ITEMS

A. Summary Of Current Events, Future Meeting Dates And Items For Future Agendas

The next schedule meeting dates will be May 30, 2019, and June 13, 2019.

B. Adjournment

Norma Ruiz made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Frances Castillo seconded the motion. Passed: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.