



## Building Bicultural Bridges

Esperanza Elementary Board Meeting  
7:00-8:30 PM, Sept 17, 2013  
West Valley Library  
2880 W 3650 S, West Valley City, UT 84119

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Members present: Elena Bensor, Janet Christenson, Juan Friere, Marlon Morales, Steve Winitzky

Others present: Barbara Lovejoy (Executive Director/Principal), Dawn Foutz (Parent Committee representative)

Members absent: Marty Banks, Robert Heyn, Patricia Santistevan Matthews

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. The board approved the minutes from the Aug 6, 2013 meeting. Steve motioned, Elena seconded, unanimous.
2. The board approved the appointment of Jeff Biesinger/Red Apple to the position of Charter School Board Building Officer. Marlon motioned, Juan seconded, unanimous.
3. The board approved the addition of the words "local and" to the mission statement. Steve motioned, Marlon seconded, unanimous. The revised mission statement:

*All Esperanza Elementary graduates are biliterate and have the skills and attributes to effectively serve in local and global communities.*

There was additional discussion about revisions to the mission statement to possibly include the words "bilingual" and "multicultural." The group generally supported adding these words, but felt they made to sentence too long and awkward. It was generally agreed that all would continue to think about and work on this. Members of the parent group will be asked to provide input.

#### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Director's Report
  - a. Dawn reported on the recent parent meeting which was attended by **six parents**. They discussed dress code and will provide their thoughts and suggestions in

writing to Barbara. The ground breaking ceremony was also discussed and Dawn had input for the ceremony planning discussion.

- b. Barbara provided an update on groundbreaking event plans (Sept 28, 11:00 a.m. at the building site). Discussion followed about invitees, flyers, speakers and agenda, marketing and media. Assignments were made.
  - c. Barbara reported that most of the board members were able to meet on Monday evening with Mike Wright to become acquainted with Jason Kilgore, a new investor/supporter of the Esperanza facility.
5. Steve reviewed the Esperanza financial reports through the month of August 2013. Expenses and revenues are on track per budget and fiscal plan for the 2013-14 year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2013, 6:00-7:30 PM, West Valley Library