



**Board of Directors Meeting
May 20, 2014
West Valley Esperanza School Site
6:30 pm
MINUTES**

Call to Order

Janet Christensen called to order the meeting at 7:15pm on May 2, 2014. There was a delay in starting the meeting due to members taking a tour of the building site to view work progress of Stout Construction.

Roll Call

Members present: Janet Christensen (Chair), Elena Bensor, Patricia Matthews, Marlon Morales, Steve Winitzky,

Members absent: Marty Banks, Juan Freire, Robert Heyn.

Others: Eulogio Alejandro (Principal/CEO), Jeff Biesinger (Red Apple), Challene Nuevan (Parent Rep.), James (Cody) Case, Riley Case (Eagle Scout Project).

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes for 4-15-14 were approved. Steve motioned and Patricia seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Report

- Facilities Update. Jeff Biesinger/Red Apple took a few minutes to update the board on the work of Stout Construction after taking members on a tour of the building; the project is generally on schedule.

Action Items

- After review of the Budget 2313-14 line items including the revisions of a generator purchase, temporary principal substitute, professional testing services and furniture provisions a motion to approve it was made by Patricia and seconded by Elena, the vote was unanimous. After review of the 2014-15 Budget a motions was made by Patricia to approve it, Marlon seconded, the vote was unanimous.
- After review of the Esperanza Volunteer Policy Elena made a motion to approve it, Marty seconded, the vote was unanimous.
- After a brief introduction to all members, James (Cody) Case an Esperanza founding board member was reinstated to the current executive board as secretary after a motion by Steve seconded by Patricia, the vote was unanimous.

Reports

- **Budget Report.** Steve presented to board members on the current status of the finances of Esperanza's budget with the status of being on target with building expenses and current start-up needs.
- **Executive Director/Principal Report**
 - School Enrollment.** The kindergarten level is over enrollment projections and no further students will be accepted. Parents wishing to enroll kindergarten students are receiving a letter informing them that enrollment is closed. Upper grades 5 and 6 are close to being closed. We are still actively recruiting for grades 1, 2 and 3 have open enrollment status.
 - Teacher Hiring Status.** A number of candidates have been reviewed and interviews are on-going. Currently, 3 have been approved for hire.
 - Executive Secretary Assisting Hiring Status.** Three candidates have been interviewed and one has been chosen and will be contacted for possible hire.
 - Assessment.** Eulogio has met with and plans to contract with a service to administer DIBELS reading tests in English and Spanish to establish a research based student progress monitoring data collection system.
 - Furniture.** Eulogio has collected a number of items from reduced price outlets and is asking for quotations from recommended furniture suppliers.
 - Media Presentations.** Concern was raised that English only students are not enrolling at the rate of students from Spanish speaking families and we will begin to put some emphasis on more mainstream media in an effort to achieve balance.
 - Date for Building Occupancy.** We are still expecting to begin moving into the building on August 1.
- **Parent Report.** Parents decided to be a PTO, not the official PTA, and are meeting to write the by-laws on June 5th in the large room at the WVC library. Eulogio will review the by-laws written by the parents.

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- **Discussion of Mural for Esperanza entry area.**
- **Discussion and development of a fundraising plan.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17th at 6:30 P.M. at the Esperanza temporary office near the school site at 4956 West 3500 South in WVC.