



BOARD MEETING

6:00 – 7:30 PM, Thursday February 10, 2022

Esperanza School Meeting Room * 4956 W 3500 S, West Valley City, UT 84120

Join Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Call to order: Marty Banks opened the Esperanza Board meeting at 6:10 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leonel Nieto, Phil Shumway, Marty Banks, Becky Kemp

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juan Freire, Cody Case

OTHERS PRESENT: Eulogio Alejandre (Esperanza Director), Brian Cates (Red Apple), Jesse Hyatt (Faculty Representative), Ari Moreno (School Secretary), Julia Barrientos (Assistant Principal), Lourdes (speech language technitia), Natalie Pentico (parent liaison), Jose Borjon (consul of Mexico).

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Brian Cates discussed the PTIF statement shows positive trend. Expect larger re-investment amounts in coming months. We are 58% through the fiscal year. Increase in clearing costs due to covid. Costly conversion on retirement program. Case balance is healthy. Enrollment is good as well, currently at 527 students. In the process of getting bids for auditing. Phil has the contact info for auditors. Procurement rules require getting two or three bids.
2. **Special Guest Consul de Mexico en Salt Lake City Jose Borjon** - The consul introduced the role of the consulate of Mexico as well their work in advancing the interest of Mexican nationals abroad.
3. **Teacher Guest - Miriam Perez:** Jesse Hyatt introduced Maestra Miriam Perez. First year teacher at Esperanza Elementary. Miriam Perez introduced her-self. Started as a teaching assistant at Esperanza elementary five years ago and is now a teacher. Miriam is working to address student achievement gaps. Miriam brought up parents' concerns that parents have expressed with selecting a good middle school for their kids. Julia commended the organization, leadership and board and emphasized how Miriam was

an example of an individual that has grown thanks to the support the school provided her.

4. Review Greg Roberts Letter
5. PTO report Natalie Pentico - Natalie was asking about feedback from the Parent Teacher Conferences which occurred this week. Natalie also discussed the fundraiser. Will start recruiting new PTO members as some parents will be leaving to a new school. Marty asked that we address the new school in another meeting.

ACTION ITEM

1. Review/approve minutes from January 13th, 2022 board meeting – Marty motioned to approve the minutes, Phil Shumway asked that we fix the misspelling. Becky corrected grammar, and spelling, and motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Marty second the motion. All approved minutes from the January meeting.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Charter Agreement Review process
 - a. Governance - no updates
 - b. Finance - Phil discussed that we are getting bids for next year's financial audit. Marty asked if we can simply use the same auditor. Eulogio explained that we must review the auditors every five years.
 - c. Academic/Cultural - no updates
 - d. Charter Minute - No updates
2. Marty asked that we briefly address the new school that will be opening. Eulogio mentioned that they are keeping an eye on enrollment and are aware of the potential impact to enrollment. Moreover, as of right now enrollment is holding up. Julia added that during parent teacher conferences parents requested that the school and board consider expanding to junior high. Parents seem to prefer to be in Esperanza. Board members asked about the quality and replacement cycle of the laptops.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Executive Director/Principal report
 - a. Assessment Update
 - b. Student Enrollment - Enrollment is steady
 - c. Waiting List - no update
 - d. Parent teacher conferences. 90% of parents showed up in person.
 - e. Purchase laptops - board to review laptops. One computer for each classroom will be purchased. Its consultant recommended a computer that is of better quality for teachers.
 - f. Calendar
 - g. The State of Utah is asking for a waiver from the US department of education. Parents have been made aware of this request.
 - h. DIBELS testing just completed and looks healthy. Esperanza is at 55% UGG. Close to the goal of 60%. Julia expressed that assessment directors across the

state are concerned about meeting the UUG. Esperanza is doing very good compared to other schools in the state.

- i. COVID 19 Update - Eulogio reports that cases remain low. Some teachers are worried and the school admin is working with them to make sure they feel safe. Preventive steps are still taking place such as disinfectant. Masks are required in the building and only one parent has asked for a waiver of the mask in the building. Small groups after schools have been kept to very numbers. Mariachi is not performing.
- j. Strategic planning on July 10th and 11th.

ADJOURN at 7:09pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting in March 10th at 6pm.