



## **BOARD MEETING**

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

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

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## **MINUTES**

Call to order: Cody Case opened the Esperanza Board meeting at 6:15 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leonel Nieto, Phil Shumway, Marty Banks, Becky Kemp, Cody Case, Juan Freire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Challeen Nuvan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Eulogio Alejandre (Esperanza Director), Brian Cates (Red Apple), Jesse Hyatt (Faculty Representative), Ari Moreno (School Secretary), Kimberly Inga (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher), and Greg Connell (USCSB)

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Brian Cates discussed the recent legislation. PTIF statement shows positive trend, we had hoped it be a larger interest earnings, but we are slowly increasing this amount. We are 67% through the fiscal year. 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. TEACHER GUEST:** Maestra Inga is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, she just obtained her license. She started here as a volunteer five years ago. She finished the program in December. She is very interested in the Board. Her 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been practicing writing through personal essays, and through pen pals in New York. They do "This day in History" each day. Miss Inga is very humble, Eulogio took the opportunity to praise her. Maestra Inga stays late to help her students prepare for testing, she started a classroom site with help

for Rise testing, Beehive books, and way for her students to connect with their community. Would like to establish published reading goals.

### **ACTION ITEM**

1. **Review/approve minutes from February 10, 2022** board meeting -Leonel presented, Juan asked for someone to provide more information about the visit from consul of Mexico and their partnership with Esperanza and the community. Juan wanted to talk about the Immersion Conference he attended recently. Becky motioned to approve, Juan second the motion to approve. February minutes approved unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

1. Cody took the opportunity to introduce Greg Connell is with the Utah State School Charter School Board. He offered to provide us any assistance if needed.
2. Charter Agreement Review process
  - a. Governance -
  - b. Finance -
  - c. Academic/Cultural -
  - d. Charter Minute -

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Executive Director/Principal report
  - a. Assessment Update – beginning learning loss recovery started Monday. Every teacher has volunteered to stay after every day for 1 hour March 14<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Monday & Wed – ELA tutoring, goals to bring scores up from 20% - 22%
    - ii. Tuesday & Thursday – Mathematics, increase scores from 22% - 25%
    - iii. Visiting Students & Parents at home to help prepare for the testing, show our commitment towards their academic goals.
  - b. Student Enrollment - Enrollment is steady 525 students enrolled, with students on the waiting list. Because we in our testing window, we are holding off on admitting new students at this point of the school year unless we have more than 5 students leave before the end of the year.
  - c. Waiting List – Kinder is full
  - d. 94% Parent attendance at the Parent Teacher Conferences. 38 families in attendance for the parent training in cultivating healthy minds, along with several parents attending online. Jesse reports that there was very positive feedback. The next class is in April to discuss College education.
  - e. Calendar – is in progress

- f. New ELA curriculum for next year, teachers will be reviewing the curriculum this week and will present to the board for adoption in May or June. iReady is the front runner, however it's only in English.
  - g. COVID 19 Update - Eulogio reports that cases remain low. Only one student, and zero teachers. Some teachers are still worried. Preventive steps are still taking place such as disinfectant we spray daily. Masks are optional, and students are choosing to wear masks. Small groups after schools have been kept to very numbers. Mariachi is not performing. We have been invited to perform in May, we have not committed yet, and will allow parents to provide input before committing.
  - h. Strategic planning on July 10th and 11<sup>th</sup>, would like to do Park City, it is about \$1000 less than Eden.
2. Discuss Esperanza expansion – we discussed this pre-COVID. We would like to start exploring a K-12 again. There are several other K-8 charter schools in the area, parents have expressed interest. Marty asked that we keep the discussion alive. Eulogio will talk to Red Apple. Impassioned requests by faculty. Maestro Hyatt expressed that students are family; he wants to see them continue to excel in this environment. Juan asked Greg for contacts with USBSC. Marie Stephenson would be the contact.

ADJOURN at 7:22 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting April 14th at 6pm