



ASPIRA OF DELAWARE CHARTER
OPERATIONS, INC.

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES: ASPIRA OF DELAWARE
CHARTER OPERATIONS INC. (ADCO)

DATE: 12/06/2012

LOCATION: Conference Room
Las Americas ASPIRA Academy (LAAA) Charter School
326 Ruthar Drive, Newark DE 19711-8017

Directors Present: Jamie “Gus” Rivera (Chair), Lois Heesters, John Laznik

Attended by teleconference: Maribeth Welch, EJ Blied

Directors Absent: Daniel Segui, Lilia Meredith, Monica Gonzalez Gillespie (Vice Chair), Aaron Goldstein

Others Present: Greg Panchisin (Business Manager); Margie Lopez-Waite (Head of School)

Call to Order

Gus Rivera called the public session to order at 6:04 PM. He noted that there were five voting-eligible Directors present and that a quorum was established. References hereunder to “unanimous” actions of the board refer to the actions of the five present Directors.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June, July and November 1, 2012 Board Meeting were presented and reviewed. Laznik presented a motion to accept which was seconded by Heesters. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Internet safety policy: was presented and reviewed. Laznik presented a motion to accept which was seconded by Welch. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

School Bully Prevention policy: was presented and reviewed. Laznik presented a motion to accept which was seconded by Welch. The motion to approve the minutes was approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Finance Committee Report (FOC) *as reported by Greg Panchisin (Board Treasurer/Chair of the Financial Oversight Committee position is vacant – until filled, G Panchisin will present finance reports)*

Greg reviewed the October monthly financial report as approved by the FOC and provided an update on the FOC. The school’s financial audit is underway by our accountants. Actual to budget remains favorable. Several questions were raised and answered. Full report is available on the FOC portion of www.aspiraacademy.org

A motion by Laznik, seconded by Rivera that the ADCO Board accept the October 31, 2012 Financial Report as presented. Final resolution was unanimous.

Head of School Report *as reported by Margie Lopez-Waite*

New Performance Framework from Delaware Department of Education Charter School Office was presented and discussed.

- Development Committee will have first meeting on December 14th at noon
- Head of School and Board president will meet with Longwood Foundation on January 24th

Facility Report *as reported by Gus Rivera (Chairperson of the Board of Directors)*

- Construction estimate for Phase 2 is estimated at \$950K. Project plan distributed.
- Need FY2014 budget prepared to help with finding funding. Greg P is working on it with Paul Lloyd.
- Using consultant to help us find funding for Phase 2.
- Approaching Foundations for funding.

Board Recruitment *as reported by Gus Rivera*

- We are seeking a person with finance experience for Treasurer.
- We are seeking a person in education K-16 with charter experience.

Open comment period

Topic of the school name “Las Americas ASPIRA Academy” was introduced for future discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:45 PM.