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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

ADCO Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 22, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Location

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Directors Present

A. Chávez (remote), A. Viscarra Gikas (remote), D. Patton (remote), L. Puig (remote), L. Santiago (remote), M. Terranova-Fissel (remote), R. Penix-Tadsen (remote), R. Rolon Dow (remote), S. Pesce (remote)

Directors Absent

G. Gonzalez, T. Burton

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

L. Puig

Guests Present

G. Panchisin (remote), M. Lopez-Waite (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

L. Puig left at 6:00 PM.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Patton called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Thursday Apr 22, 2021 at 5:06 PM.

C. Vote to enter Executive Session

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to moved to executive session.

S. Pesce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes and Agenda

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCO Meeting on 03-25-21.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

R. Rolon Dow made a motion to approve the agenda for 4/22/21 meeting.

S. Pesce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Executive Session

A. Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning discussion ensued.

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to approve the formation of a Transition Committee.

S. Pesce seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Vote to Return to Public Session

L. Santiago made a motion to return to public session.

A. Chavez seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Finance

A. Financial Reports

G. Panschisin presented and led discussion regarding the March 2021 financial reports. The full reports are available on the FOC section of www.aspiraacademy.org.

A. Chávez made a motion to accept the financial reports for March 2021.

R. Penix-Tadsen seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Facility

A. School Operations and Facilities Update

G. Panchisin provided an update on the construction of the West Campus.

V. Development

A. Development Committee

M. Terranova Fissel provided an update from the Development Committee. She solicited speakers from the board for the Freshman Career Seminar Classes. She also requested that each board member send a 30 second video thanking teachers and team members for Teacher and Team Member Appreciation Week.

Finally, she requested interested parties to discuss a possible award for teachers from the board to be given at appreciations week 2022.

VI. Parent/Teacher Organization

A. PTO Update

A. Viscarra Gikas provided a PTO update. The PTO decided that dues for the coming year will be voluntary (more in the nature of a donation).

VII. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

A. DEI Committee

R. Penix-Tadsen provided an update on the DEI initiatives. AVID hosted a LAAA Career Day. Team members established DEI goals. YW Leaders program had a visit from Rep. Melisa Minor-Brown and will have a visit from Tariah Hyland. The Charter Curriculum Collaborative will be revising curriculum to be more diverse. School continues to address current events. The committee is working to come up with ideas to implement DEI initiatives at the board level, including recommending reading for board, developing an equity statement for the board and having a speaker at the next board meeting.

Discussion ensued among the board members about specific nature of discussions with students and unconscious biases.

VIII. Head of School

A. School Calendar

M. Lopez-Waite presented the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year (included in the meeting document packet).

A. Chávez made a motion to approve the calendar for the upcoming school year for submission to the Board of Education.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Enrollment and Academic Update

M. Lopez-Waite presented an update on enrollment and academics.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

R. Penix-Tadsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

L. Santiago seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Terranova-Fissel