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Las Américas ASPIRA Academy

Minutes

ADCO Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 27, 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. Rolon Dow (remote), S. Pesce (remote), T. Burton (remote)

Directors Absent

G. Gonzalez, R. Penix-Tadsen

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Puig called a meeting of the board of directors of Las Américas ASPIRA Academy to order on Thursday May 27, 2021 at 5:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes and Agenda

L. Santiago made a motion to approve the May agenda and minutes from ADCO Meeting on 04-22-21.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

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

D. Vote to enter Executive Session

D. Patton made a motion to move into Executive Session.

L. Santiago seconded the motion.

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

II. Executive Session

A. Strategic Planning

B. Vote to Return to Public Session

L. Santiago made a motion to return to public session and accept the new salary pay scale as presented.

R. Rolon Dow seconded the motion.

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

III. Finance

A. Financial Reports

D. Patton made a motion to accept the financial report for April 2021 as presented.

M. Terranova-Fissel seconded the motion.

G. Panchisin reported the finances are trending favorably as predicted.

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

IV. Facility

A. School Operations and Facilities Update

G. Panchisin presented an update regarding the conclusion of a construction project at the West campus.

V. Development

A. Development Committee

M. Terranova Fissel presented an update on the Expansion Campaign currently in Phase II. A presentation and discussion scheduled for June ADCO meeting regarding moving into Phase III.

Staff Appreciate Lunch was well received.

Discussed creating a capital campaign calendar and reinventing the past fundraiser event, VIVA ASPIRA.

VI. Parent/Teacher Organization

A. PTO Update

A. Viscarra Gikas presented an update from the PTO.

The PTO is hosting a movie night as a fundraiser.

The PTO will be holding elections for officers in June. Last two meetings have been well attended.

VII. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

A. DEI Committee

A. Viscarra Gikas presented a DEI overview including the findings of an equity audit.

VIII. Head of School

A. Enrollment and Academic Update

M. Lopez Waite presented an enrollment update and addressed 8th grade retention. Students participated in several academic assessments this spring.

B. Summer Program Update

IX. Board Leadership Update

A. Board Leadership Update

D. Patton will be resigning from the board as well as S. Pesce. The position of Vice Chair and Secretary will be open beginning July 2021. Candidates for these openings are being reviewed by the ADCO.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Santiago made a motion to adjourn.

D. Patton 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 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Pesce

Documents used during the meeting

- ADCO Board Meeting_CEO Update_May 2021.pdf
- ASPIRA Team Meeting_May 2021.pdf