



DIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025
Dual Immersion Academy

The meeting opened at 5:30 pm

In-person

Roll Call

Attendance

Members present: Mac Newbold, Rocio Fuentes, Preston Reynolds, Dallin Jones & Arbie Nerisian
Dr. Victor Jimenez, Teri Slaugh, Lucia Murdock

Absent: None

DIA staff: Angela Fanjul and Jazmeen Gonzalez

Others: None

Roll Call

Mac welcomed all attendees and noted that the meeting may not follow the agenda in its exact order. He also acknowledged that the school year is now a little over three-quarters complete.

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The board recognized the contributions of the Real Estate Brotherhood & Sisterhood, including Daniela Pernia, Angie Puy, and Kameron Abdi, for their support. Arbie shared information about a potential partnership with Nielsen Shutters and Shades, a company that provides shades and contributes meals to the school. Dallin will follow up on the bidding process and coordinate with Arbie regarding the building updates.

Budget Report by Jeff Biesinger

Jeff was not present at the meeting, and there were no pending budget items to review.

Director's Executive Report by Angela Fanjul

The Executive Director, Angela Fanjul, reported that mid-year reading, math, and Spanish assessments for K-3 students showed significant growth, particularly in Spanish language arts. Additionally, Alexa Aragon, a 6-8th grade math teacher, received recognition from USBE for her dedication to student progress. APTT #2 had a strong turnout, focusing on foundational skills across all grade levels. The school is also preparing for March Kindness Month and HOPE Week. Updates to the harassment and bullying policy are being communicated through various channels.

The director also reflected on 10 years of leadership, highlighting improvements such as the transition from a turnaround school, the establishment of key departments, and the development of discipline and academic protocols. Enrollment efforts are ongoing, with parent referrals being the most effective. Priorities include construction management, staffing, summer school, and extracurricular activities. Challenges remain in securing a bilingual SPED teacher, increasing volunteer participation, and fundraising for Family Literacy Night. The board was asked to help find five volunteers and raise \$500 for the event.

Building Renovations Updates by Angela Fanjul & Building Subcommittee

Angela Fanjul and the Building Subcommittee provided updates on the building renovations. The storefront drawings have been finalized, and color selections are in progress. The team has narrowed options down to the most cost-effective choice. Arbie recommended obtaining a solar quote, noting a ten-year recoup period with potential incentives and a buyback option. Arbie will follow up by phone regarding this. The project is awaiting final cost estimates and permits, with an anticipated start date in March or April and a projected completion by August 2025.

Consent Agenda

The board members quickly reviewed and approved all items on the consent agenda, including the approval of the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting.

Motion to: Approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Mac Newbold

Seconded by: Arbie Nerisian

The motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session under UT 52-4-205 (as needed)

Re-open the meeting for board vote (as needed)

None held

Motion to: Close meeting

Motion by: Teri Slaugh

Seconded by: Mac Newbold

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 7:00 pm

Next meeting:

Tuesday, March 18, 2024