



## **DIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

April 15, 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  
Teri Slaugh, Dr. Victor Jimenez

Absent: Lucia Murdock

DIA staff: Angela Fanjul and Jazmeen Gonzalez

Others:

### **Treasurer Election**

Arbie Nerisian was nominated to serve as Treasurer during March's meeting. No additional discussion was had. Arbie has a strong background and has already contributed greatly.

**Motion to:** Appoint Arbie Nerisian as DIA Board Treasurer

**Motion by:** Mac Newbold

**Seconded by:** Preston Reynolds

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Budget Report by Jeff Biesinger**

Jeff was unable to join today's meeting due to an emergency meeting called by one of the other schools he works for. He will have report prepared and will be in attendance at next month's meeting. Jeff, Mac, Angela, and Arbie will meet prior to the meeting to review budgets for next year. In May there will be a final FY25 budget to approve and a preliminary budget FY26 budget to review. No other matters to discuss.

### **Director's Executive Report by Angela Fanjul**

Angela reported about DIA's recent celebration of Reading Week, which featured a variety of literacy-focused activities including a zine-making workshop in collaboration with the Glendale Library and a visit from the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program. These initiatives supported student engagement in reading and writing, promoting confidence and creativity. The Creative Writing Club's participation highlighted the school's commitment to developing strong extracurricular programs that reinforce literacy, while the R.E.A.D. program provided a supportive and motivating environment for young readers.

Additional highlights included the successful PUMA Achievement Assembly held on March 21, recognizing K–8 students for high MAP test growth. The upcoming Walk-a-Thon fundraiser on May 16 will include board and staff participation, with a goal of raising \$13,000 to support student and

classroom needs. The Executive Director also shared ongoing priorities such as enrollment efforts, staffing, construction planning, and summer school preparation. Challenges were noted in enrollment fluctuations, the urgent need for a licensed bilingual SPED teacher, and the impact of the political climate on federal funding.

### **Building Renovations Updates by Angela Fanjul & Building Subcommittee**

Board members expressed concern that several important matters appear to be delayed or deferred without clear resolution. Dallin and Preston emphasized the importance of completing renovations before the start of the upcoming school year, but noted a lack of task prioritization and proactive problem-solving. The board observed that while there is ongoing communication, much of it centers around waiting rather than finding immediate solutions.

Dallin has remained actively engaged, and as a result, The Will Group has provided a preliminary project schedule. However, the board is still awaiting a finalized budget. Additionally, the sound abatement installation in the gym, originally scheduled for spring break, has not yet occurred, and no estimated timeline has been provided by the contractors. The board is awaiting further updates regarding the scheduling of this critical task.

DIA has upgraded the camera and security systems with Security Grant funds. This is a major upgrade from the previous system.

### **Consent Agenda**

The board members quickly reviewed and approved all items on the consent agenda, including the approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting.

**Motion to:** Approve all items on the Consent Agenda

**Motion by:** Preston Reynolds

**Seconded by:** Teri Slaugh

**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:** Preston Reynolds

**Seconded by:** Teri Slaugh

**The motion passed unanimously**

Meeting concluded by 6:02 pm

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025