

APPROVED



Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School

Minutes

November Regular Board Meeting with Public Comment

Date and Time

Thursday November 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Location

30 P Street NW Washington, DC. 20001

Trustees Present

A. Williams, C. Ealons, D. Allen, M. Seligman, V. Biddix

Trustees Absent

B. Oyedele

Ex-Officio Members Present

K. Scotchmer

Non Voting Members Present

K. Scotchmer

Guests Present

C. Faz, D. Aguilar

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

C. Ealons called a meeting of the board of trustees of Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School to order on Thursday Nov 7, 2019 @ 7:00 PM at 30 P Street NW Washington, DC. 20001.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Williams made a motion to approve minutes from the October Regular Board Meeting on 10-10-19. October Regular Board Meeting on 10-10-19

D. Allen seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Achievement

A. SY18-19 Academic Results and SY19-20 Program Priorities

- Chief of Schools Dahlia Aguilar presented a report of academic achievement during last school year and presented goals for this school year
- In 2018-19 PARCC results, Mundo Verde continues to surpass the city
- Mundo Verde is recognized Tier 1 School for the 4th year in a row
- The report and discussion includes a comparison of Mundo Verde's academic results towards other EL schools / Bilingual Schools in the District of Columbia, both in Math and ELA
- Recognition of achievement gap and the school's commitment and current efforts to resolve it:
 - Theory of Action: Sense of belonging and data oriented instruction
 - Partnership with Matthew Kincaid from Overcoming Racism, to improve our school's cultural competency
 - In our efforts to become more proactive and effective in our approach to creating a trauma-informed and mentally well climate for all learners, Mundo Verde is partnering this year with the MedStar Georgetown Center for Well Being in School Environment ("WISE" or "the WISE Center").
 - Data team conducting weekly data meetings with grade level instructional teams and Principals
 - MAP (NWEA) implementation

III. Internal - Finance, HR, Facilities & Compliance

A. Financial Statements - Q1 September

- Alicia Williams, Chair of Internal and Financial Committee presented an overview of the Financials and Forecast for September 2019 as well as the September 2019 Financials summary.
- Negative numbers for income are the result of an overestimate of need for special ed services as well as the numbers of at-risk and english learner students. With a new campus - it is challenging to estimate what numbers are going to look like, so we used proxy of current numbers which were higher than what resulted.
- While the current forecast for the year is negative, the goal is not to end the year on a negative but rather to evaluate what can we do now to prevent it. We will spend significant time looking at October, and November financials in early January to that end.

IV. Governance

A. Governance Committee Update

- Main goal as committee is to expand the board, and we are launching recruitment efforts

- In conversation with PADRES (Parents Association at J. F. Cook Campus) regarding the recruiting process for the one parent seat that is currently open on the Board. No timeline or specifics around it, we are initializing the process just now.

V. Executive

A. ED Report

- School recently refinanced our \$2 million loan with OSSE, and will look to repay the loan over the five year term. We will look into refinancing our larger construction loan in the new year as it may be a good time due to better interest rates.
- Two staffing openings, one of them has been covered and the second one will be filled in December. We were afraid some teachers may have to leave because of migratory status not being renewed but it's been extended.
- We are drafting and posting for an HR Director next week
- Community conversations are coming: November 19 at JF Cook Campus and November 21 at Calle Ocho Campus
- We will be hosting a retreat with School Leaders / PADRES Leadership on Tuesday Nov. 12, 2019. For now, mainly focused on Cook, in the works the emerging parent association at Calle Ocho
- As our union negotiations are highly sensitive, we will discuss the details deeper in Executive Session. However, it is important to note, we are very close to having a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

VI. Public Comment

A. Intro to Public Comment

Board Chair Corey Ealons reminded attendees that public comment is an opportunity for members of the community to come to the board and to address issues or concerns that they want to bring to our attention. Mundo Verde's Board of Directors is maturing and is being intentional to offer these forums, reminding participants of the process for public comment published in the Family Weekly Update.

If a member of the school community is interested in participating in public comment they must sign up in advance and provide the Board with a line or two about the topic they are interested in presenting. Not every meeting that the MV Board holds has a section for open comment. Written comment or questions can always be emailed to board@mundoverdepcs.org

B. Public Comment

There were a total of ten attendees making public comment at the meeting and one written submission. A summary of public comment is included as a part of these minutes and posted to the Mundo Verde website.

C. Close to Public Comment

VII. Other Business

A. Executive Session

D. Allen made a motion to enter into Executive Session.

M. Seligman seconded the motion.

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

V. Biddix made a motion to Exit Executive Session.

D. Allen seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Scotchmer

Documents used during the meeting

None