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Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday January 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Details:

Board Members should have received an invitation from Zoom [<no-reply@zoom.us>](mailto:no-reply@zoom.us) as a panelist for the meeting!

In case you did not receive this invitation, please use this link to register as a participants and we will promote you as a panelist.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Questions or complaints arising under this meeting may be directed to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

Trustees Present

Alicia Williams (remote), Anneliese Gegenheimer (remote), Bisi Oyedele (remote), Carmenchu Mendiola (remote), Corey Ealons (remote), John Mahaffie (remote), Mikaela Seligman (remote), Valecia Biddix (remote)

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Elle Carne (remote), Robyn Pretlow (remote)

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance****B.**

Call the Meeting to Order

Alicia Williams called a meeting of the board of trustees of Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School to order on Thursday Jan 27, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes: December 2021

John Mahaffie made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 12-09-21.

Valecia Biddix seconded the motion.

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

II. Executive Director Report

A. ED Report

Discussion regarding:

- Introduction to the new Chief School's Officer
 - Excited to welcome Dr. Joseph Rodriguez
 - Dr. Rodriguez introduces himself
 - Board members introduce themselves to Joseph with their names, roles, and what keeps them at Mundo Verde and how Mundo Verde inspires them
- Effects of Omicron
 - Data presented on positive case rate since the end of December, weekly averages have been declining steadily since the week of December 29th
 - Discussion of operating status and number of virtual classes and students
 - Kristin expresses confidence that cases are steadily leveling out, and continue to decline
- Considering the moment
 - Root causes of concern - social emotional loss, schedule unpredictability due to quarantines, demands of testing program, demands of extended day program.
 - Problem solving updates (Robyn contributes to this report) - three instructional leaders hired, staff survey with over 90% participation, \$650 bonus to all staff on December 31st, yoga and other staff wellness programs started
- Questions from the board:
 - John and Alicia request more information on the CultureAMP results
 - Valecia asks why was is an overhaul for notification procedures for staff departures - Robyn replies that staff were sometimes informing students even before HR - necessitating change

III. Internal Committee Report

A. Internal Committee Report & November Financial Statements

Presented by Anneliese:

- November financials were anomalous due to high income, reshuffling created a large surplus

- KPIs are all within- or above-expected
- Everything is forecasted to be on target for the year
- There is additional information in the slide
- IRS 990 will be ready for vote in the April meeting
- We have not reached into our contingency yet, but there are some capital improvements coming up that may require it

John asks on how we are paying for things such as additional school counselors

Elle presents facilities update:

- Wood floors at Cook Campus
- Exterior fire stairs at Calle Ocho
- Developing capital improvement plan across facilities, including technology equipment upgrade, HVAC upgrades, etc.
- Expects to have significant updates on C8 development soon.

B. Affirmation of Contracts SY21-22

Anneliese Gegenheimer made a motion to affirm the contracts for the 2021-2022 school year.

Carmenhu Mendiola seconded the motion.

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

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Committee Report

Valecia presents:

Committee met in December -

- Discussed 5th grade fall math data, full data to be presented at the next board meeting. Academic dashboard will be vehicle to inform the board more regularly on academic and some non-academic data. EmpowerK-12 has a template for a dashboard that is based on Mundo Verde charter goals.
- Discussed staff hiring, met with Joseph January 11th
- Revisited purpose and goals for the year, selected a standing meeting time.

KS notes that EmpowerK-12 now has the data and will have a mock up ready by February.

V. Board Discussion on Engagement

A. Board's Role in Engagement

Discussion on:

- Family engagement as a recurring cycle
 - importance of long term relationship - years long partnership
 - differentiated strategies at different grade levels
 - scope and sequence across the year long calendar month by month
- Specific Mundo Verde strategies

- Weekly family update, family portal on the web, family handbooks and policies, welcome meetings, conferences, etc.
- Network level - Coffee with the Principal, dialogue groups, affinity groups, cultural celebrations, possip surveys, leadership office hours, etc.
- Historical context
 - Discussion of Kindred report and their three recommendations
- Ideas for board involvement
 - What's the role of the board in family engagement?
 - How might we reimagine public comment?
 - What's the most importance focus for a revitalized external committee in the next three months?
- Questions about if there are certain engagements that get better traction with families
 - Dialogue groups have deep impact but small numbers, but the impact is lasting
- General curiosity about analytics and desire to have effective engagement with families based on historical data on what works the best.
- When and how to different contact points happen with the community and when and how does the board need to get involved?
- Role of board in governing and scrutinizing the efficacy of existing systems of engagement with families

VI. 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 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Williams

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