**February**

**El Colegio Board Minutes**

**02/21/2017**

**Board Members**

*Present***:** Rene Antrop-Gonzalez, Kristine Snyder, Jennifer Godinez, Bianet Castellanos, Jacqueline Yaurincela, Tamara Ramirez-Torres

*Not**present****:***Ann Zukoski, Josey Landrieu

Quorum present? Yes

*Others Present:*

Executive Director: Norma Garces

Other: Peter Glaser, Matt Wylie, Brenda Ascencio

***Proceedings:***

*Meeting called to order* at5:00 pm by Chair, Rene Antrop-Gonzalez

Agenda amended: Matt Wylie will present Financials after January Minutes

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Votes** |
| **Opening Items:**  **Minutes** | January 2017 Minutes | Motion to accept January 2017 minutes: Rene Antrop-Gonzalez  Motion seconded: Tamara Ramirez  Motion passed |
| **Finance Committee update** | -Revenue and Expenses line up at 58%  -Revised budget is based on 85 ADM  -Increase in Local & Other Revenue is due to RDF refinance money  -Decrease in state revenue is based on revised ADM  -Jennifer would like to see notes on budget reflecting RDF money used for expenditures such as “Equipment & Technology” and RDF funds listed under “Local & Other” revenues  -The revised budget includes cuts to 3 positions decided upon by the Finance Committee on February 14, 2017  -Jennifer Godinez mentioned the importance of Board Members attend training (Max)  -Jennifer Godinez would like to highlight the fact that El Colegio needs a strong marketing plan to bring in more students as suggested by Ellie Holte during the finance committee meeting. | Motion to approve revised budget: Jennifer Godinez  Motion seconded: Jacqueline Yaurincela  Motion passed |
| **Retreat Debrief** | General impressions:  -The board was deeply unsatisfied with the facilitator’s performance and has decided not to bring him back for another session  -The Executive Director has not received notes and/or a report from the facilitator as agreed upon by both parties |  |
| **Executive Director Report** | -Norma Garces has met with the CFO of Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding a $100k grant for Juventud Conectada, if it can be converted into a 501(c)3  -Mario Hernandez is helping El Colegio with grant writing  -Jennifer Godinez thinks this is a great idea, however, she feels the name “Juventud Conectada” needs to be changed  -The board suggests the name to be “Latinx Youth Development Center of Minnesota”  Evening High School  -Approval is needed for moving forward with the pilot of the evening high school  Re-branding of the High School  -Norma Garces has applied for a grant to fund the rebranding  -The committee will present 3 names to vote on for next board meeting  -The committee to rebrand the morning program will consist of Tamara Ramirez, Jacqueline Yaurincela, Bianet Castellanos | Motion to accept the new 501(c)3 with the new name: Bianet Castellanos  Motion seconded: Jacqueline Yaurincela  Motion passed  Motion to continue exploration of evening program: Kristine Snyder  Motion seconded: Jennifer Godinez  Motion passed |
| **Academic Committee Update** | The board accepts Kristine Snyder’s update on the evening program |  |
| **Board Bylaws Review**  **Building Board (Pending Resignation)** | -Norma Garces will send board bylaws to board members  -The board agrees to attend an “onboarding” training.  -The office manager will send training dates to board members  -Kristine Snyder has asked to resign from the ECCS Board |  |

**Final Notes:**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm