**March**

**El Colegio Board Minutes**

**03/21/2017**

**Board Members**

*Present***:** Rene Antrop-Gonzalez, Kristine Snyder, Jennifer Godinez, Bianet Castellanos, Tamara Ramirez-Torres, Ann Zukoski, Josey Landrieu

*Not**present****:***Jacqueline Yaurincela

Quorum present? Yes

*Others Present:*

Executive Director: Norma Garces

Other: Peter Glaser, Matt Wylie, Landon Nelson, Brenda Ascencio

***Proceedings:***

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

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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Votes** |
| **Opening Items:**  **Minutes** | -February 2017 Minutes | Motion to accept February 2017 minutes: Rene Antrop-Gonzalez  Motion seconded: Tamara Ramirez-Torres  Motion passed |
| **Board Compliance** | -Background Check Forms need to be completed by all board members  -Training Opportunities:  April 29th, 2017  -ECCS Board Members through June 15,2017:  Landon Nelson  Kristine Snyder  Ann Zukowski | Vote to include Ann Zukoski: Jennifer Godinez  Motion seconded: Josey Landrieu  Motion passed |
| **Academic Committee** | -Committee is meeting to talk about attendance and grades  -Working on scheduling an all-day meeting for teachers to share pedagogical theories  -Next year: working on creating an employee manual specific to El Colegio  -The board would like to see updated versions of organizational charts |  |
| **Finance Committee** | -Finance Committee meeting held on March 13, 2017  -Grants: Executive Director will provide a list of grants El Colegio has applied for during April’s board meeting  -Funds from Title I will not be coming in due to a missed deadline |  |
| **Policy & Evaluation Committee** | -Committee members:  Josey Landrieu, Tamara Ramirez-Torres, and Ann Zukoski  Board Bylaws Review  -Members are expected to explain selected sections during next board meeting |  |
| **Community Engagement Committee** | Name change of the school  -Jennifer Godinez thinks the board should sit with a marketing team to go over strategies  -Executive Director believes the purpose of name change should be to give identity to the high school rather than for marketing reasons  -Landon Nelson would like to review the UNO proposal regarding the name change  -Tamara Ramirez believes the name change should be done to rebrand the school  -Executive Director would like the board to reflect and come up with a rationale on why the change of name is needed  -Jennifer Godinez would like the Community Engagement Committee to come up with a process for changing the name and present it to the board  -The Community Engagement Committee will meet with a marketing team and present strategies to the board  Reasons to change name:  -The name is redundant  -Historically, “El Colegio” has had a less than favorable reputation  -To create separation between the high school and the night school  -Executive Director would like to keep “El Colegio” as the legal name of the organization It would be an umbrella corporation and the high school and night school would fall under this name (both would have their own name)  -Jennifer Godinez thinks this will be confusing  -Pete Glaser believes this change is being rushed and should be tabled for the next board meeting  -Josey Landrieu would like to know if the change would be announced in June 2017 or Fall 2017  -Ann Zukoski would like the Community Engagement Committee to provide written documentation detailing the rationale behind the name change and share with the board during the next meeting | Tabled |
| **Latino Youth Institute** | - “Latinx Youth Development Center of Minnesota” is no longer being considered as the new name for Juventud Conectada 501(c)(3)  -A grant was being submitted to Blue Cross Blue Shield by March 31st under the name “Latinx Youth Institute” |  |
| **Executive Director Report** | -Seven new students since February 17, 2017 | Motion to accept ED report: Kristine Snyder  Motion seconded: Jennifer Godinez  Motion passed |

**Final Notes:**

-Board Retreat Facilitator – Tabled for next meeting

-Agenda item for next meeting – Teacher recognition

Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm