



EL COLEGIO

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

I. Call to order

- A. The regular meeting of the El Colegio Board of Directors was held at 4137 Bloomington Ave, Minneapolis MN 55407.
- B. The meeting was called to order at 5:17pm by Tony Aarts (Chair).

II. Welcome and Roll Call

- A. Board members present: Tony Aarts (Chair), Jennifer Godinez (Vice-Chair), Kent Fordyce (Treasurer), Bianet Castellanos (Secretary), Dr Elizabeth Sumida Huaman (Community),
- B. Board members absent: Tamara Ramirez-Torres (Teacher), Ann Zukoski (Community), Brenda Sanchez (Community),
- C. Staff and guests in attendance: Katie Aviña (Executive Director), Raquel Arismendez (Project Manager), Landon Nelson (Dean of Operations), Mick Dudero (CLA),

III. Approval of Agenda

- A. Kent moves to approve the agenda for the September 15, 2021 board meeting. Jennifer seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Jennifer moves to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2021 board meeting. Kent seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

V. Finance Committee

A. August Financial Statement

1. Mick shares the new layout for the financial statement for more accessibility and readability. Expenses are at 11%, revenues are at 15%. Cash on hand is \$121k. There was a draw on the line of credit, which will be paid back by the end of October. MDE is currently paying on 135 ADM, which will be corrected on October 1, and be reflected in the payments in November.
2. Ann moves to accept the August 2021 financial statement. Bianet seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

VI. Academic Committee

- A. Tony shares that the committee discussed the preparations for the start of the school year, including Welcome Back Week for staff, Open House for students, and the first day of school. The committee also discussed a consortium with Academia Cesar Chavez for Title III funds, and partnering strategically with them in other ways as well. There was also discussion around infusing youth voice with more intentionality in the school's leadership and governance.

VII. Fundraising Committee

- A. Bianet shares that the fundraising committee discussed the upcoming December 10 Breakfast, the Save-the-Date will be sent out by next week, with the event's theme focused around indigenous languages of Mexico, Central America, and South America.
- B. Ms Katie shared that there has been \$32,630 in philanthropic revenue raised so far.

VIII. Governance Committee

- A. Ann shares that the committee discussed the Executive Director review. Soon a survey will be sent out to staff, board members, and students. COVID-19 safety policies were also discussed.

IX. Executive Director Update

- A. Ms Katie shares that enrollment is currently at 92. EC is partnering with Minnesota Online High School to provide online learning options for students who are not ready to come back in-person. A new EP will start at the end of the month, and other positions are still open at this time. Attendance has been about 60-70%.
- B. PUC will be here next week for in-person observations. MAP is starting soon, and Quarter 1 conferences will be October 1. Ms Katie is connecting with two organizations that assist with providing onsite COVID testing, and is coordinating having a health clinic onsite during the Oct 1 conferences.
- C. Tony shares that PUC is offering virtual trainings starting at the end of September on Saturdays from 10am-Noon, for board development.

X. ECCS Building Company Update

- A. Ann shares that the Building Company will be moving forward with a loan via Propel to make some significant improvements to the building, such as replacing the HVAC units. Propel is offering a fixed interest rate of 3%, with 25% of the loan eligible for forgiveness.
- B. Kent moves to proceed with the HVAC replacement bid. Bianet seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

XI. Announcements

A. Dr Madelaine from the University of Minnesota has submitted an application to join the board. Ms Katie invited her to the October board meeting.

XII. Upcoming Events

A. Saturday, October 9: UMN Chicano/Latino Studies Lecture Series

XIII. Next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5pm

XIV. Meeting Adjourned at 6:17pm

Board Secretary *Bianet Castellanos* Date: 12/20/21
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