



**EL COLEGIO**

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

October 20, 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 5:10pm by Bianet Castellanos (Secretary).

### **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), Tamara Ramirez-Torres (Teacher), Ann Zukoski (Community), Brenda Sanchez (Community),
- B. Board members absent:
- C. Staff and guests in attendance: Katie Aviña (Executive Director), Raquel Arismendez (Project Manager), Landon Nelson (Dean of Operations), Mick Dudero (CLA), Samantha Diaz (Pillsbury United Communities),

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

- A. Ms Tamara moves to approve the agenda for the October 20, 2021 board meeting. Jennifer seconds the motion. The motion passes with one abstention.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

- A. Ms Tamara moves to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2021 board meeting. Brenda seconds the motion. The motion passes with one abstention.

### **V. Finance Committee**

#### **A. September Financial Statement**

- 1. Mick shares that the approved budget is still in the neighborhood of what our ADM is. Many districts are experiencing a lower enrollment than projected. Cash on hand is \$121k. Current balance on line of credit is \$25k. Expenditures on track at 21%, revenues are at 25%. Nothing out of the ordinary at this time.

2. Kent moves to accept the September 2021 financial statement. Ms Tamara seconds the motion. The motion passes with one abstention.

VI. Fundraising Committee

- A. Bianet shares that the committee discussed upcoming events such as Día de los Muertos on November 1. Medica donated \$500 towards DDLM. The December fundraising breakfast was also discussed, which will take place on December 10 at 8am, with the theme focused on indigenous languages of Mexico, Central America, and South America. It will be a teaser event for a larger event in the spring, with the funds going towards supporting El Colegio students learning their heritage language.
  1. Dr Eli shares that her and Bianet are looking at supporting students in their senior projects that are focused on their indigenous language through even stipends. Dr Eli is happy to volunteer with students to support them with data collection especially around language issues.
- B. Ms Katie shared that the school has raised \$1165 in donations, \$31k in grants, not including pending grant applications or COVID-related funds. We are currently 32.67% towards our total fundraising goal for the fiscal year.

VII. Governance Committee

- A. Ann shares that the committee discussed COVID safety policy especially around testing availability for students, as well as the ongoing review of the Executive Director. The safety plan is still in place, however we are looking into the logistics of implementing weekly screening tests versus the current symptomatic testing. A confidential survey is being sent out to staff and students about their vaccination status to help information decision-making with different scenarios. El Colegio is waiting for guidance from Edvisions on how to proceed with the presidential COVID Action Plan.

VIII. Executive Director Update

- A. Ms Katie shares that enrollment is currently at 91.16 ADM, with 82% attendance. We continue to interview candidates for open positions for Student Engagement Specialist. An additional Educational Partner was hired last week. The authorizer site visit took place on XX, with an overall score of Exceeding received.
- B. We have had several students who have experienced violence recently, such as robbery or having their house broken into. Mr Landon has been working on mapping areas where incidents occurred.
- C. We had 65% of families attend Parent/Teacher Conferences for Quarter 1.
- D. There will be a data dive with the fall MAP results in two weeks with instructional staff and the academic coach.

- E. For MEA, all staff will have days for mental health.
  - F. Dr Madelaine was unable to attend today's board meeting, but will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting.
- IX. Facilities Update
- A. Mr Landon shares that the lighting has been updated, especially the parking lot. There has been fall cleaning of the outdoor space, which feedback from the neighbors shared helps the area feel safe at night. A breakdancing crew started using the space as well. There was a vaccine clinic during Parent/Teacher Conferences, and a booster clinic is in the works. The HVAC units are in process, about 10-11 weeks out.
  - B. Mr Landon is gathering a group of students and parents together for feedback on further updates to the facilities.
- X. Announcements
- XI. Upcoming Events
- A. November 1, 2021: Día de los Muertos
- XII. The El Colegio Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 12, 2021 at 5pm
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 6:05pm

Board Secretary *Bianet Castellanos* Date: 12/20/21  
Bianet Castellanos (Dec 20, 2021 09:38 CST)





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