



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Open Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5 PM

Via Zoom

Executive Committee

Dr. Jessica Lopez Lyman (Chair / community)

Mark Ahrens (Treasurer / community)

David G. Stanton (Secretary / community)

Members

Julia Brandes (teacher)

Aleida Enriquez (parent)

Dusty Lee (teacher)

Comdr. John Lozoya (community)

Semita Perez (teacher)

Juan Vazquez (community)

Malicia Villegas (parent)

Ex-Officio Members:

Staff/Guest(s): Jessica Perry, Head of Middle School; Marita Moran-Wildenauer, Head of Primary School; Martha Dominguez, Family/Community Director

AGENDA

1. Call to order by Board Chair
 - a. *Dr. Jessica Lopez Lyman, Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Academia Cesar Chavez Board of Directors to order via Zoom conference call at 5:05pm 3/24/21*
2. Attendance (roll call)
 - a. Board members present: *Semita Perez, Jessica Lopez Lyman, John Lozoya, Mark Ahrens, Julia Brandes, Malicia Villegas, Juan Vazquez, David G. Stanton*
 - b. Board members absent: *Dusty Lee, Aleida Enriquez*
 - c. Staff/Guests present: *Lucinda Costilla, Betty Rodriguez, Jesscia Perry, Marita Moran-Wildenauer, Rachel Westmorland, Jodie Boucher, Patchia Xiong Vang, Sarah Johnston, Scott Moore, Abbey Korba*
3. Welcome guests and staff in attendance by Board Chair
4. Recite ACC Mission Statement
Academia Cesar Chavez is dedicated to providing a quality dual-language education that prepares critically thinking, socially competent, values driven, and culturally

aware bilingual and bi-literate learners by advocating Latino cultural values in an environment of familia and community.

5. Grounding and check-in
6. Public Comment Forum

Action Items (for Board Approval)

7. Agenda for March 24, 2021 Board Meeting
 - a. *Mark Ahrens moved to accept the agenda for the March 24, 2021 Board meeting; John Lozoya seconded; the motion was adopted by unanimous vote*
8. Minutes for February 24, 2021 Board Meeting
 - a. *Julia Brandes moved to approve the minutes for the February 24, 2021 Board meeting; Malicia Villegas seconded; the motion was adopted by unanimous vote*
9. Minutes for March 15, 2021 Board Meeting
 - a. *Mark Ahrens moved to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2021 Board meeting; Juan Vazquez seconded; the motion was adopted by unanimous vote*
10. Vote to approve revised 2020-2021 budget
 - a. *Mark Ahrens moved to approve the revised 2020-2021 budget; Julia Brandes seconded the motion*
 - b. *Discussion: Adjustments were made due to salary and position errors (see Mark for details); projected positive balance to add to the schoolwide fund; 2022-2023 projections have a deficit due mainly to enrollment drop; HOS thank JLL and all staff for support since we do not have ED.*
 - c. *Vote: the motion was adopted by unanimous vote*
11. Vote to approve 2021-2022 academic calendar
 - a. *Mark Ahrens moved to approve the 2020-2021 academic calendar; Julia Brandes seconded the motion*
 - b. *Discussion: Jessica Perry: we cross reference with SPPS to minimize impact on families; snow days now become distance-learning days; this year we started progress reports, and we will have mid-quarter progress reports to give families/students more feedback about how their students are doing*
 - c. *Vote: the motion was adopted by unanimous vote*

Discussion Items and Committee Updates:

12. Board Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee (Dr. Jessica Lopez-Lyman)
 - i. *Board members have ACC emails, now are using Google shared drive, we are organizing to improve access*
 - ii. *We discussed contract offer to Uribe*
 - iii. *UST contract*
 1. *We need all board members to sign compliance agreement, DGS and JLL will share document with all for signature*
 2. *UST contract extension now goes to June 30, 2023--this gives us 3 years before renewal*
 - iv. *Board retreat in June*

1. *JLL asked for suggestions from board members about what they would like to see be part of the retreat; in-person vs. virtual?*
 - v. *Community board members and board elections*
 1. *2 community positions are open for election this year: Mark Ahrens and Juan Vazquez; we also have 1 open community seat; we plan on mail in ballots*
 - vi. *Dolores Huerta Service and Leadership award*
 1. *Jessica Lopez Lyman proposes this award to honor staff/family (anyone in the ACC community who is not a board member), to be given annually, to be given out at the annual meeting; she suggests that board members nominate to Executive Committee (EC), the EC brings candidates to the board for vote; we will add this as an agenda item for May meeting*
 - b. *Resource Development Committee (Julia Brandes)*
 - i. *We are working on our pitch and presentation for future investors; we want to specify specific goals that we will promote in our pitch*
 - c. *Academic Program Committee (David G. Stanton)*
 - i. *Tech: we are creating a list of all that we have done. Dual language: we are laying out financial impacts, discussing 50/50 vs 90/10, discussing what needs to happen for adding a new bilingual grade in Fall 2022. The goal is to provide this resource for Board to engage with during retreat*
 - d. *Facilities Committee (Mardi Dominguez)*
 - i. *Bell tower demo is in progress, insurance will cover it; there are issues with the boiler and Area A (see Jessica Lopez Lyman for details)*
 - e. *Finance Committee (Mark Ahrens)*
 - i. *The next finance meeting is scheduled for 4/2 (which is school holiday), will have to change the meeting date*
13. *Staff and other Board reports*
- a. *Heads of School updates (Marita Moran-Wildenauer and Jessica Perry)*
 - i. *Marita Moran-Wildenauer: 6th graders are onsite now; 7-8 will return after spring break; last year we did not have cinco de mayo, mothers day, etc. due to COVID; we are making plans for this spring: field week, spirit day; we need extra adult support / ideas to help with these plans*
 - ii. *Jessica Perry: teachers pushed to have 6 graders come in by themselves because it is a big transition, many teachers from all grades have been upstairs helping out; we rented lockers due to supply chain issues for purchasing, we will make sure to have enough lockers for next year when MS grows in size*
 - b. *Community and Enrollment (Mardi Dominguez)*
 - i. *Lucinda Costilla: a number of students were dropped this week (moving away); 2 new students this past week; working on bringing in more*
 - ii. *Jessica Lopez Lyman: we at the Board should think about the enrollment impacts of larger changes in the Twin Cities, how do we contend with changing sociopolitical climate?*

- iii. *Juan Vazquez: ACC is based in strong community connections and social distancing has had a large impact on ACC*
- iv. *Lucinda Costilla: We have a new website: ACC has a virtual tour, and videos for families to learn about the school if they cannot visit in person*
- c. COVID-19 Updates
 - i. *no new updates*

Discussion Items:

14. Announcements

- a. *none*

15. Our annual meeting in April will be conducted via mail

- a. ***May 26, 2021 will be our next Board meeting***

16. Meeting adjournment (Board Chair)

- a. *Jessica Lopez Lyman adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm*

Approved and Signed by ACC Board Secretary David G. Stanton

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