

Escuela Éxitos
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: June 16, 2025

Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: 4741 Zealand Ave. N – New Hope

<https://meet.google.com/vbw-ipyi-oww>

Board Members Present: Sam, Colleen, Ingris, and Dana

Board Members Absent: Carmen

School Officials Present: Luis

Others Present: Shannon Benalshaikh, Wendy Swanson-Choi

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sam at 4:35 PM.

2. Roll Call

Sam, Colleen, Ingris, and Dana were all present for the start of the meeting.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

Sam, Colleen, Ingris, and Dana all stated they had no conflict of interest.

4. Approve Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes with the correction was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

6. Financials Update & Approve Accounts Payable Ledger for May

The motion to approve the financials update and accounts payable ledger for May was moved by Colleen and seconded by Ingris. The motion carried.

7. Approve New Hires: Luz Aneth, Raul Pardo, Jose Luis Gomez, Diana Antonio, Maria Esperanza

The motion to approve the new hires was moved by Ingris and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

8. Approve Lease Aid (Signatures Needed)

The motion to approve the lease aid was moved by Dana and seconded by Colleen. The motion carried.

9. Approve Updated By-Laws

Wendy explained the requirements set by the new state statute.

The motion to approve the updated by-laws was moved by Colleen and seconded by Ingris. The motion carried.

10. USFAAF Contract for 25-26

The board reviewed the school's procurement policy prior to reviewing the continuation of contract with USFAAF, now entering its 3rd year.

The motion to approve EE's continuation into year three of the contract with USFAAF was moved by Colleen and seconded by Dana. The motion carried.

11. Approve Discipline Policy

Wendy advised some aspects that are missing from the behavioral policy according to the new statute. Wendy advised consulting with the school's lawyer and/or adopting the template from MACS or MSBA.

The board decided to pass the policy as written and then send it to the lawyer, who will propose amendments to ensure compliance with state statute.

The motion to approve the discipline policy was moved by Colleen and seconded by Dana. The motion carried.

12. Authorize Sam and Luis to Finalize Performance Framework as it Pertains to Student Growth

The motion to authorize Sam and/or Luis to finalize the performance framework and the updated contract as it pertains to student growth was moved by Colleen and seconded by Dana. The motion carried.

13. School Updates

- Local Literacy Plan was submitted.
- Summer school is still pending.
 - The hesitation relates to last summer's issue with paying for transportation and meals despite large numbers of students not showing up.
- Staffing for next year is mostly complete. The school is looking to hire one for SPED teacher and a PE teacher.
- Luis is currently having discussions regarding transportation for next year.
- The school is already preparing for its next audit.

14. New Business

Ingris needed to leave during this agenda item.

- Dana spoke regarding EE sponsoring another float at the Robbinsdale Wiz Bang Days parade on Sunday, July 13th.
- Luis spoke with the Mayor of New Hope regarding EE attending a city council meeting.

15. Public Comments

Wendy discussed the site visit and discussed some requirements she wasn't able to observe during the site visit - especially those related to the Board. Many of these requirements are simple items that Luis and the board will need to address.

16. End of Meeting

The motion to close the meeting was moved by Colleen and seconded by Dana. The motion carried and Sam closed the meeting at 6:26 PM.