



Board Meeting Minutes

Escuela Éxitos
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: September 18, 2023

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, Ingris, Angie, Andrea, Dana (online)

Board Members Absent: None

School Officials Present: Luis

Others Present: Shannon Benalshaikh, Michelle Prospero

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:44 PM by Sam.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement – Roll Call

All board members were present and all indicated they had no conflict of interest.

3. Approve Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Angie and seconded by Ingris. The motion carried.

4. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Angie and seconded by Andrea. The motion carried.

5. Approve Custodian Contract (Juan Luna)

The motion to approve the custodian contract for Juan Luna was made by Dana and seconded by Angie. The motion carried.

6. Financials Update

Shannon: The transfer to USFAAF as the financial service provider is complete and the FY2022 audit has been completed.

Shannon: At the October meeting, the financial statements for July, August, and September will be presented.

Luis: The next significant financial task will be to complete the lease aid application.

7. School Updates (Staffing, Enrollment, Audit, Painting)

Escuela Exitos is fully staffed and Luis spoke enthusiastically regarding the team. One classroom has 32 students, but does have an Educational Assistant providing support. Angie recently joined the school and spoke positively about her decision to join. Ingris, who is in her third year, agreed.

Enrollment has fluctuated, but has never gone below 212. Luis expects enrollment numbers to continue to rise with the influx of Ecuadorian families.

The 2022 audit has been completed.

Escuela Exitos was painted prior to the first day of school with a new coat which is more washable.

8. New Business

Luis and Craig Kepler, the school lawyer, reviewed the bylaws of the school board. Craig made some edits which were highlighted in the board packet in blue font. Most of these edits were made to clarify the upcoming school board elections.

Significant conversation took place regarding Article VI Section 1 regarding indemnification. Using guidance sent via email by Craig in April 2022, the board members made sense of the language.

The motion to approve the updated bylaws was made by Angies and seconded by Angie. The motion carried.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Close of Meeting

The motion to close the meeting was moved by Angie and seconded by Dana. The motion carried and the meeting was closed by Sam at 5:32.

