



Board Meeting Minutes
Escuela Éxitos
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

Meeting Time: 4:30 PM

Meeting Location: Escuela Éxitos w/ [Online Option](#)

Board Members Present: Andrea, Sam, Ingris, Angie

Board Members Absent: Nate

School Officials Present: Luis

Others Present: Nick (Bergen KDV), Tu (NEO)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sam at 4:34.

2. Approve Agenda

The motion to approve the April Agenda was moved by Angie and seconded by Andrea. The motion carries.

3. Approve Minutes

Luis acknowledged public comments took place in March during the discussion of item #7 that Sam had not recorded in the March minutes. Acknowledgement of these public comments were added to the March minutes.

The motion to approve the March Minutes was moved by Andrea and seconded by Ingris. The motion carries.

4. Meal Charge and Debt Collection Policy

Luis spoke of the policy and emphasized "all students served / all students eat". Should EE no longer have government funding for free meals, this policy would:

- A) Allow student lunch balances go into the negative
- B) Make available a meal for students 10+ meals in the negative
 - a) Note: This meal might not be the scheduled meal of the day, however, would also not cause the child any embarrassment or shame (ex: providing bread and peanut butter)
- C) Allow EE to create a fund to collect donated money to be used towards feeding students

The motion to approve the Meal Charge and Debt Collection Policy was moved by Angie and seconded by Andrea. The motion carries.

5. Review and Approve School Academic Calendar

Luis stated the 2022-23 academic calendar was made to closely resemble the calendar for Robbinsdale Public Schools to allow breaks to align for families with children attending RPS.

With the addition of 7th grade, EE must provide more instructional hours to meet MDE requirements. This would cause conflict in the event of school closure due to winter weather. For this reason:

- Any week with a Monday holiday (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day) will NOT have early release on Wednesday.
- During NWEA MAP testing, EE will NOT have early release on Wednesday

These two points provide EE with a buffer of 4-days in the event of school closures due to winter weather. In the event EE needs to close more than 4 days due to winter weather, the 7th graders will need to have virtual learning days in the event the hours lost are not forgiven by the state.

The motion to approve the 2022-23 academic calendar with the points stated above was moved by Andrea and seconded by Angie. The motion carries.

6. Budget Update

Nick from Bergan KDV was in attendance to present the March Financial Update and the Revised Budget for FY22. Highlights include:

- Enrollment for EE is currently 112 students
- EE's current budget projects a surplus of 2.2% of expenditures at year-end

The motion to approve the March Financial Update was moved by Andrea and seconded by Angie. The motion carries.

The motion to approve the Revised Budget for FY22 was moved by Angie and seconded by Ingris. The motion carries.

7. Mitigation Measures at School

Luis talked to the staff about their mindset on continuing to mandate the wearing of masks at EE. According to Luis, most staff would appreciate it if the mask mandate was to continue,

however, they also realize it may not be realistic with MPS and SPPS both revoking their own mask mandates.

- Sam spoke of it not impacting him and wanting to vote according to the desires of the staff. He also mentioned it did not seem realistic to be one of the only schools in the metro with a mask mandate.
- Angie spoke of encouraging families to voluntarily wear masks within her own classroom at the school she teaches in. She also spoke to not wanting to put the school in a tough position due to continuing a mask mandate.
- Andrea echoed Angie's statement of hoping teachers with special circumstances would still receive support from their families and they would continue to wear masks voluntarily.
- Luis appreciated having a board made up of educators who did not make a prompt decision to revoke the mask mandate.
- Luis suggested a 20% infection rate within a classroom would trigger a return of the mask mandate for that class for a 14-day period.

The motion to revoke the existing mask mandate and replace it with the following policy: ***“The wearing of masks is recommended within EE. The wearing of masks covering the mouth and nose is required to be worn within any class with a COVID-19 infection rate of 20% or more for 14 consecutive days following the initial outbreak.”*** was moved by Andrea and seconded by Ingris. The motion carries.

8. Updates

It was again recommended that Luis send the updates via email to save time.

9. New Business

N/A

10. Public Comments

Tu from NEO spoke at this time. Tu thanked Luis and the Board. In addition, Tu provided two housekeeping items on Basecamp and scheduling a site visit. This conversation will take place between Luis and Tu after the meeting.

11. Close of Meeting

The motion to close the meeting was made by Sam and seconded by Ingris. The motion carries and Sam adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.