



Nuestro Mundo Public Charter School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

June 8th, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Remote Virtual Meeting: Available via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved, (motion by A. Barraza, seconded by D. Moscarelli)

The minutes of the February 27, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved, (motion by C. Rolón, seconded by D. Moscarelli)

Superintendent/Executive Director's Report
Update- Hiring

Dr. Maruszczak reported that we are progressing with the interview process for classroom teachers, special educators, English language development teachers, and paraprofessionals. We are using a multi-faceted approach to advertising and recruitment. We have also connected with the Education Office of the Spanish Embassy and they have given us five candidates to interview. To date, we have hired the following for roles in the school:

- Catlin Preston- 1st grade teacher (Eng)
- Kayla Chavier- 6th grade teacher (Eng)
- Diana Ferriera- Operations Associate
- Marybel Martinez- K paraprofessional
- Monica Felix- 6th grade paraprofessional

Dr. Maruszczak and K. Cardamone have interviewed candidates this week and anticipate making 4-5 additional hires by the conclusion of this week.

In the last week, we have picked up more candidates as a result of hiring a consultant to help with recruiting and posting on Indeed, Betterteams and LinkedIn.

Update- Facility

Dr. Maruszczak reported on the School Siting Law process. The RI DEM has reviewed all of the environmental study data and abatement strategy for all VOCs in the building from Sage Environmental, Inc., and is proceeding with a "Letter of Reasonability of School Siting" this week. Per State regulations, we and Sage must hold a public hearing about the use of the 17-21 Gordon Avenue as a school site. We fully anticipate that this will be a virtual meeting on June 17th. We have posted this in the Providence Journal

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and our website. After this hearing, then Sage may do the “cap and vent” abatement, which should take 2-3 days in total.

We have also been working with an interior decorator, Amber Peloquin of AW Designs, to plan all school furnishings and interior design. Dr. Maruszczak shared a furniture spreadsheet and invited the Board’s input.

Amber was notified by WB Mason of an opportunity from the Smithfield Public Schools that they have furniture to donate and Dr. Maruszczak and K. Cardamone spent an afternoon in Smithfield looking at what was available, and selected many classroom tables, chairs, teacher desks, and cafeteria tables.

Amber arranged for Gentry to move this furniture to their storage facility, they have made three trips so far and there are still some trips to make. EdCo in Bedford is also getting rid of furniture and Dr. Maruszczak made a bid of \$3,000 for desks, chairs, kitchen utensils and a salad bar. Everything else K. Cardamone ordered through WB Mason. The only remaining matter is the kitchen equipment which Eric said he would help with.

New Business

Approval of Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

Tim at Barton and Gilman is working with us to facilitate the application process for our Federal Tax Status. An amendment to the Nuestro Mundo Articles of incorporation that were filed with the state in January. This amendment explicitly states that we will be a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We need this as a step to ensure that we can obtain a Rhode Island tax exemption certificate, which we need as we are starting to order textbooks and other instructional materials and supplies.

The Amendment to the Nuestro Mundo Articles of incorporation were unanimously approved, (motion by S. Molina, seconded by C. Rolón)

Approval of the Nuestro Mundo Non-Discrimination Policy

This non-discrimination policy that applies to students is also necessary for approval of our 501(c)(3) status approval.

The non-discrimination policy was unanimously approved, (motion by A. Barraza, seconded by C. Rolón)

Plans for a Summer In-Person Meeting/Event

The Board discussed options for an in-person get together over the summer. K. Cardamone will follow up with a suyer.

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Community Comments

None

Future Agenda items

- Submit an evaluation protocol for how the Board will provide academic oversight of the school

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 (motion by C. Rolon, seconded by A. Barraza)

Respectfully submitted by Katie Cardamone

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