

# Minutes

## The American Dream Charter School

### Board Meeting

Tuesday Nov 18, 2014 @ 6:00 PM at The American Dream School

#### **Board Members Present**

Damian Vargas, Luz Maria Rojas, Richard Levine (remote), Zuleika Martinez

#### **Guests Present**

Melissa Melkonian, Nicholas Gallagher

## I. Opening Items

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

Luz Maria Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of The American Dream Charter School to order on Tuesday Nov 18, 2014 @ 6:11 PM at The American Dream School.

#### **Approve Minutes**

L. Rojas made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-16-14.

Damian Vargas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Academic Excellence

#### **New Hire**

Yeni Martinez - New T.A. helping in Art and PE also Special Ed testing. She's bilingual. Starting Dec. 1st.

## III. Community Outreach

#### **Outreach**

Send flyers for Dec 3rd open house to Board. Cafecito with Melissa was today - Parents expressed interest in doing more outreach.

## IV. Executive

#### **Angelo and Michael**

-Angelo can't return to the U.S. -Michael resigned because of time commitments Imperative to interview and recruit new board members. We need to notify the state before the end of the week. We will attempt to do a virtual meeting with her the first week of december.

#### **Welcome New Board Member - Zuleika Martinez**

Zuleika has a pedagogical background. She's taught for 14 years. Has an administration license and experience fundraising.

#### **Introduce Patricia Belair - prospective board member**

Medical background (she's a nurse and a hospital administrator in the Bronx. She has insight into medical services, pre-teen programs (e.g. self esteem building programs). She's spoken to Melissa and Luz. She has served on different school boards.

## V. Principal's Report

#### **Student Enrollment**

80 students.

## VI. Other Business

### **Open House, December 3rd**

#### **November 11th Open House Report**

A lot of perspective staff attended. not as many parents.

#### **Upcoming Events for Students**

Met and Intrepid. December celebration.

#### **Rescheduling February Board Meeting 2/10 or 2/24**

Tuesday 24th.

#### **Parents want Homework Help or Tutoring**

Parents want something after school (Tutoring or some other activity).

#### **Promotional Materials**

We're having a video made - short story on kids (get releases). Perhaps not three vignettes of children but of different stakeholders such as a teacher, parent and student. Vignettes about a student who go back and forth. See if we can get 6 stories for 3K. promotional materials new website.

#### **Parent Workshop on Thursday**

## VII. Closing Items

### **Adjourn Meeting**

L. Rojas made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Damian Vargas seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 07:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Luz Maria Rojas