



La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School

“A Dual Language Charter Middle School”

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The mission of La Academia Dolores Huerta is to provide a diverse bilingual educational program in the arts that fosters the development of a strong socio-cultural identity while achieving academic success.

La misión de La Academia Dolores Huerta es proporcionar un programa educativo bilingüe diverso de las artes que fomenta el desarrollo de una fuerte identidad sociocultural mientras se logra el éxito académico.

Regular Governing Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 29, 2022 at 5:30 PM, Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 867 7849 3117

Passcode: pz97XF

- 1) Adrian Gaytan called the meeting to order: 5:32PM
- 2) Roll call and establish quorum

GC Members Present:

Adrian Gaytan, VP (via Zoom)

Elaine Palma, Secretary (via Zoom)

GC Members Absent:

Jovanna M Payan, GC parent representative

Robert Palacios, President

Dalina Matsumoto, Treasurer

Milagros Guillen, General member

***Quorum was not established.

Guests: Sylvy Galvan de Lucero, Head Administrator; Sylvia Chavez, LADH Family Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator

- 3) Approval of agenda
Due to lack of quorum, no vote was taken on approval of the agenda.
- 4) Open forum-public input*

Public comments and observations regarding education policy and governance issues, as well as the strategic planning are heard at this time. Time limit per presenter may be imposed by Chair

No one was present in person or via Zoom to provide public input. Zoom waiting room was monitored throughout the meeting.

- 5) Review, discussion, and possible approval of October 13, 2022 Regular GC Meeting Minutes.

Due to lack of quorum, no vote was taken on approval of October 13, 2022 meeting minutes. Item will be added to December meeting agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY – NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

- 6) Finance Committee Report:
Finance Committee did not meet as members were not available and as there were no BARs. No Finance Committee report given.
- 7) Preliminary Site Visit Report: Presented by Sylvy Galvan de Lucero
- Received an email from Samantha Samoiel, newly hired Authorizing Practices Administrator, asking for final completion percentage from community service project so that number could include in the report and report could be finalized.
 - Mrs. Galvan de Lucero submitted information via email and received confirmation that email was received.
- 8) Annual calendar review: Presented by Elaine Palma
- Head Administrator's mid-year evaluation: The evaluation will be completed by December 9th and will be reviewed with Mrs. Galvan de Lucero week of December 12th. Elaine Palma will email evaluation form to all GC members.
- 9) 2022-2023 student recruitment/enrollment update: Presented by Sylvy Galvan de Lucero
- Down four students from 70 to 66. Two students were expelled due to behavior issues; one student transferred due to behavior and transportation issues; and one student moved out of state.
 - Front office has received calls from families inquiring about LADH's program and are considering enrollment.
 - Recruitment: Although not recruitment season, recruitment efforts continue. Ms. Chavez noted that she has been working on increasing social media outreach. She is also working closely with Raices de Saber Elementary Charter School. Additionally, Ms. Chavez is constantly talking about the school and providing information to community members and leaders. She often receives inquiries about the old building and is often told that the school should do something about the state of the building. In response, Ms. Chavez informs people that the school is no longer housed there and has called Codes in the hopes that they will intervene.
- 10) State Testing: Presented by Sylvy Galvan de Lucero
- Received an email this afternoon that LADH did not meet the 95% minimum student participation in the Science test only. LADH only met 94.4% student participation and therefore the school has been placed on monitoring status. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero explained that due to the school's small student population

having 1-2 students miss testing results is lack of compliance. Whereas, for larger schools, a much larger number of students must miss the test before loss of compliance occurs. Elaine Palma recommended that the school provide a short-written response identifying how many students missed the test and explaining the ratio. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero stated she would take care of that.

11) Equity Council: Ms. Chavez reported

- LADH was assigned a new facilitator, which she feels might be beneficial as they will also be the facilitator for other charter school in the city.
- Planning to hold the last meeting of the year next week.
- Will be working on populating the information from the assessment into a report over the winter break.

12) Head Administrators Report: Presented by Sylvvy Galvan de Lucero

- Teacher and staff news: Continued vacancy for SPED inclusion teacher; Ms. Gallegos, math teacher, has resigned due to health issues.
- Zia Martial Arts is providing a PE alternative class once a week for all LADH PE students. The goal is to provide students with a positive mentoring relationship. Additionally, LADH is working with the studio to provide those students interested with free memberships.
- Learning Action Buffet (LAB) Collaboration: creating media project with media class

13) Secretary Report: Presented by Elaine Palma

- GC Training Log: reminder that all GC members need to complete all training hours
- Paperwork update: Still missing paperwork
- Next GC Meeting: Reminder that the next GC meeting is scheduled for December 8th
- Adrian Gaytan addressed Nancy Brooks' request to meet with the GC on December 6th. Nancy Brooks works to create/update the Facility Master Plan which is up for renewal this year. She completed the site visit, generated the preliminary plan, and presented the preliminary plan to the small steering committee. She would like to present the preliminary plan to the full GC; however, the times offered are not compatible with GC member schedules. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero will check and see if the plan can be presented by the committee to the GC.

14) Adrian Gaytan adjourned GC general meeting at 6:17pm.

*Any individual attending a board meeting may sign in to participate in the Public Input section of the Agenda, if any. Such persons may speak on any item after the individual is recognized by the President of the Board and introduces himself/herself at the podium. The Governing Council of La Academia Dolores Huerta will not take action on any item presented under Public Input, until an opportunity to do so is afforded. La Academia Dolores Huerta will provide an interpreter for the Hearing Impaired and simultaneous Spanish translation upon request. Requests should be submitted to the chancellor's office three days prior to the meeting.

Principal's Report

Nov 29, 2022

FY22-23 Registrations:

Grade	Enrolled
6 th	18
7 th	26
8 th	22
Total	66

**2 students were expelled due to severe behavior issues*

**1 student transferred due to behavior and transportation issues*

**1 student moved out of state*

LADH News:

- LADH students recently went on a fieldtrip to Albuquerque, NM to visit the Nuclear Science Museum and had the opportunity to participate in engaging Spy Craft lessons and learn about the role that nuclear Science played during the holocaust.
- LADH Mariachi Azteca has been asked to be part of the LCHS Mariachi Christmas program and will be working with Ms. Rodgers to prepare for the event.
- LADH collaboration with the Resiliency Leaders City Bus Project isn't even complete yet and has already seen very positive results. Preliminary reflections submitted by our students helped to support and reinforce the switch to Zero-fare. The Policy review Committee (PRC) was very impressed.
- School Leaders Conference Call (See notes in Google File)
- Finance Committee met on Wednesday, Nov 29, 2022 (See Finance Report)

Student Achievement/ Student News:

- LADH Performance classes recently participated in a schoolwide Hispanic Heritage event at University Hills Elementary which also doubled as a recruiting and PR event for our campus.
- LADH Folklorico worked hard during their Fall Break performing for the Dona Ana Village Association, The Coffee Club of Organ, NM and at the Mesilla Plaza as part of Mariachi Sundays for the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

Professional Learning Community (PLC):

- We have developed a team of teacher leaders that are participating in The New Teacher Training Program (TNTP). This is an instructional coaching program paid for by the NMPED that works on creating teacher leaders that can then go back and work with their peers. They will be conducting an In Person site visit on Oct 25 to help guide the coaching process.
- This year's focus will be on Dual Language Instruction and SEL with a focus on SPED Inclusion
- Working on completing year III items for MLSS and refining our SAT process.

Teacher/Staff News:

- Currently have a vacancy for a SPED Inclusion teacher.
- Ms. Virginia Gallegos, Math teacher, has officially resigned in order to focus on her health. This has left us with a math vacancy we are working hard to fill.

Upcoming Events:

- LADH Mariachi Aztec Christmas performance with LCHS Mariachi on Wednesday, Dec 6.

Fundraisers:

- None at this time

Community Collaboration:

- Resiliency Leaders of Las Cruces
- Zia Martial Arts providing a PE Alternative once a week for all LADH PE students.
- LADH has begun a partnership with La Semilla and upgrades to our horticulture area and green house will begin taking place in the next few weeks and months.
- Partnering with the LAB, Learning Action Buffet on a creative media project with our media class.
- NMSU Music Dept., Youth Orchestras @ NMSU, and Camerata del Sol After School Community Program
- Frank J. Papen Ctr (After School Program), CYFD
- A New Hope Therapy Ctr partnership to provide mental health services to students.
- Partnerships with La Casa Inc and La Pinon have also been established.