

Amigos Por Vida-Friends for Life Public Charter School
Amigos Por Vida- Friends for Life Housing and Education Corporation School
Regular Board Meeting
Board of Governors 8/21/18

The Board of Governors of the Amigos Por Vida-Friends for Life Charter School met in a Regular Meeting 8/21/18 at the school, 5503 El Camino del Rey Street, Houston, TX 77081. The meeting notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act.

The Following Board Members were present:

- Silvia Graves, Board President
- Omar Velez, Vice President
- Rosy Mary Valencia, Board Member

Also present were:

- Freddy Delgado, Principal/Superintendent
- Quynh Tran, Business Manger
- Kakoli Mukerji, Assistant Principal
- Maryury Fernandez, Assistant Principal

1. Call to Order

Ms. Graves called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2. Hearing of citizens

No citizens were present.

3. School updates

Mr. Delgado provided the School Updates

Mr. Delgado went over the TEA scores. Amigos Por Vida-Friends for Life is an “A” school according to the TEA standards. Please see Tab #3 for more information.

- School Performing Overall: 93 out of 100
- Student Achievement: 83 out of 100

- School Progress: 90 out of 100
- Closing the Gaps: 100 out of 100

August

- 01- Administrative staff begins
- 10- Teaching Staff begins
- 13-21 Professional Development Trainings
- 17- Meet the Teacher
- 21- Board meeting
- 22- First day of School

September:

- 03- Labor Day (School Closed)
- 12- Open House/ESSA Parent Meeting
- 17-Oct 17 Hispanic Heritage Month
- 19- Early Release day (Teacher Training Day)
- 28- End of the first grading period

Mr. Delgado said that school will be starting with 510 children. New students coming into 6th grade, PreK-3, PreK-4, and kindergarten. There are five new teachers and have kept 20 teachers. Reasons teachers may not be staying: not being certified, a district is taking them and more secure with contract, wanted a position closer to home, or a new promotion.

4. Discuss and consider Board minutes from 6/19/18

Ms. Graves wanted to include amendments to the minutes from 6/19/18 to include how Mr. Delgado spoke and met with the moms on several occasions about the rules and the moms said they did. Ms. Graves moved to approve the Board minutes with the amendments from 6/19/18. Ms. Valencia seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Discuss and consider EMAT Certification

Mrs. Mukerji informed the board that the certification needed to be signed by the board members and the superintendent every year. It is about using the federal funds to be able to buy instructional materials, but without the signature, she cannot buy anything.

6. Discuss and consider bids for school acoustics

Mr. Sajche discusses the problems (project to small) he faced while trying to find three companies for the acoustics. Mr. Sajche spoke to AECO Interior Contractors and they were too busy until after Labor Day and wanted us to check back after that time. The second company is Ventex, who did send a proposal, but they did not send anyone to come to look at the school yet. The third company, Sheffield Acoustical, the work we need to be done is what they do. The Sheffield Acoustical match the evaluation we already did. The Sheffield Acoustical is the best option as far as someone willing to do the work. Ms. Graves would like to have references from the Sheffield Acoustical company as a tool. Ms. Valencia moved to hire Sheffield Acoustical Company pending on references and reviewed on the Better Business Bureau.

7. Financial update as of 6/28/2018

Mr. Tran discussed month ending cash basis of July, it is shy of \$2.9 million. Moving on to the budget, Mr. Tran wanted to point out that many of the expenditures are under budget, but most of the big expenses happen at the end of the year. So come at the end of August, we will have a better understanding of how much money is still left for the year. The topic of expanding and having a second school was also discussed.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Velez Moved to adjourn the board meeting. Ms. Valencia Seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm.



Silvia Graves, Board President



Lydia Tamez