

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

2:00 P.M.

MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING ROOM B

Members Present: Boardmember Elaine Mendoza, Chair, *Mayoral*
Boardmember Pamela Ray, *District 2*
Boardmember Richard Perez, *District 4*
Boardmember Gloria Ramirez, *District 5*
Boardmember Lucy Hall, *District 6*
Secretary Dr. John Folks, *District 7*
Boardmember Dr. Shari Albright, *District 8*
Boardmember Dr. Linda Foster, *District 1*

Members Absent: Boardmember Dr. Richard Middleton, *District 1*
Boardmember Major General Joe Robles, *District 3*
Boardmember Comelia Black, *District 9*

Staff Present: Sheryl Sculley, *City Manager*; Peter Zandoni, *Deputy City Manager*; Edward Guzman, *City Attorney's Office*; Kathy Bruck, *Pre-K 4 SA Chief Executive Officer*; Linda Hamilton, *Pre-K 4 SA Director of Professional Development*; Martha Lambaria, *Pre-K 4 SA*

Also Present: Frank Villani, *The Magik Theatre CEO*; Tiffany Maltos, *The Magik Theatre Education Coordinator*; Alfredo Martinez, *Pre-K 4 SA Department Fiscal Administrator*; William Davenport, *Pre-K 4 SA*; Andrea De La Garza, *Pre-K 4 SA*

Call To Order

Chairwoman Mendoza called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of minutes of the January 22, 2015 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting

Boardmember Folks moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting. Boardmember Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Citizens to be Heard [Interested speakers will have 3 minutes to address Pre-K 4 SA Board on Pre-K 4 SA related matters]

There were no citizens present to speak.

3. Staff briefing of Excellence & Innovation in regards to Pre-K 4 SA North Education Center partnership with The Magik Theater for a pilot program focused on early childhood dramatic plays [Frank Villani, The Magik Theatre CEO; Tiffany Maltos, The Magik Theatre Education Coordinator]

Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO introduced Frank Villani, The Magik Theatre CEO and Tiffani Maltos, The Magik Theatre Education Coordinator. Mr. Villani emphasized that for 20 years The Magik Theatre has worked on excellence and performance for children. He expanded on the importance of the partnership.

Ms. Maltos presented the following highpoints:

- Theatre for the Very Young at Pre-K 4 SA
- Who is the Magik Theatre
- What is Magik's Mission
- Partnership with Pre-K 4 SA
- Collaboration Goals
- What is Theatre for the Very Young?
- What Does our Workshop Teach?
- Continuing Our Partnership

Chairwoman Mendoza thanked Mr. Villani and Ms. Maltos for their presentation. Boardmember Ramirez asked for the costs of the workshops. Ms. Maltos provided the following costs for professional development:

- Professional Development Workshops - \$15 per teacher with ten (10) teacher minimum
- Story Drama Workshop - \$85 per participating class
- Theatre For The Very Young Performances - \$400 per 100 students attending to include a sliding scale

Boardmember Folks asked if Pre-K 4 SA had funded the professional development workshops. Ms. Maltos replied that The Magik Theatre and Pre-K 4 SA had been working on an open and free partnership to-date. Ms. Bruck confirmed that there was money allocated in the budget for said workshops.

Boardmember Ramirez asked of bilingual productions. Ms. Maltos stated that planning for bilingual productions was still ongoing and that there was a possibility for said in the future.

Boardmember Foster asked of educating parents and family opportunities. Ms. Maltos expanded on the multi-sensory family performances. She emphasized the importance of tailoring shows for children and families that attended. Ms. Maltos noted that the theatre was developing imaginative play for children and families.

Mr. Villani expanded on the new Magic Theatre on De-Zavala near the Pre-K 4 SA North Education Center. He spoke of the importance of interactive situations for children and parents; and emphasized these being a gateway for the rest of a child's life.

Boardmember Ramirez asked of the partnership initiative. Ms. Maltos stated that Pre-K 4 SA had contacted The Magik Theatre regarding a collaborative for Pre-K 4 SA students.

Boardmember Albright asked of a pilot program prior to incurring costs. Ms. Maltos indicated that there would be a pilot program that would be taken into the classrooms, before incurring costs.

Chairwoman Mendoza asked if other children had used these workshops and productions. Ms. Maltos stated that this was truly new to the City of San Antonio.

Chairwoman Mendoza expressed gratitude of The Magik Theatre workshops and productions; and thanked the Magik Theatre staff for their partnership.

Boardmember Ray moved to approve Items 4 and 5 under the Consent Agenda. Boardmember Folks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Consent Agenda

- 4. Possible Board action to approve for Pre-K 4 SA to redirect approximately \$2.6 million in funds originally allocated to the construction of Pre-K 4 SA Centers to be utilized for other program capital improvement projects [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]**
- 5. Possible Board action to approve the Pre-K 4 SA 2015-2016 academic calendar [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]**

Individual Briefings

- 6. Staff briefing and Board discussion of the March 2015 Program Update for Pre-K 4 SA to include current student enrollment levels, the student application and enrollment phases for the 2015-2016 school year, curriculum, and parent engagement [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]**

Ms. Bruck provided a briefing and discussion of the 2015 program update. She presented the following:

- 2014-2015 Enrollment by School District
- Enrollment and Attendance by Education Center
- Enrollment – 2015-15 Timeline
- Enrollment – 2015-16 Marketing
- Enrollment 2015-16: Media Impact
- Enrollment 2015-16: Applications Received
- Applications Received by ISD
- Applications by Education Center

Boardmember Folks asked of updates about current legislature, regarding funding full day Pre-K, and its impact on Pre-K 4 SA. Ms. Bruck reported that North East and Northside ISDs would not offer full day Pre-K due to rapidly growing enrollment and lack of facilities. She expanded on the strong academic skills taught and the extended day that Pre-K 4 SA offered. She highlighted the advantages for families attending Pre-K 4 SA and noted that ISDs were unable to offer the same. Boardmember Folks suggested addressing the facts and emphasizing the benefits and quality of Pre-K 4 SA versus other Pre-K programs.

- Curriculum Updates/Activities
- Parent Engagement

- Event Attendance
- Family Specialist Services
- Service Referrals

Boardmember Foster asked of Social Workers and Service Referrals at Pre-K 4 SA. Ms. Bruck replied that Pre-K 4 SA had a Social Worker with a Masters in Social Work and a Licensed Professional Counselor at each Center. She noted that Pre-K 4 SA used many different agencies for service referrals.

Boardmember Ramirez encouraged using Creative Arts in the curriculum and to document the use. Ms. Bruck affirmed that Pre-K 4 SA did use Creative Arts throughout the day and would document it in the future.

Chairwoman Mendoza asked the Board for category suggestions to discuss in future meetings.

7. Staff briefing and Board discussion of the results of the Pre-K 4 SA Professional Development program to include accomplishments, current operations, and upcoming events [Linda Hamilton, Pre-K 4 SA Director of Professional Development]

Linda Hamilton, Pre-K 4 SA Director of Professional Development (PD) provided a Board briefing and discussion of internal and external Professional Development services. She presented accomplishments, current operations and upcoming events to include the following:

- Background
- Professional Development Types:
 - Internal
 - External
- Summer Academies
- Statistics
 - Storytelling Series
 - Foundations of Math Series
 - Saturday Academies
 - Summer Academies 2014

Chairwoman Mendoza asked of the participants and where they were from. Ms. Hamilton informed the Board that all seven ISDs had been represented, as well as teachers from Austin, Dallas, and Houston. She noted that veteran teachers had repeatedly attended.

- ISD's Attending Summer Academies 2014
- Coming Soon
 - Saturday Academies
 - Early Childhood Training & Resource Fair
 - April 11: 9 Sessions
- Summer Academies 2015
- District Support
 - Edgewood ISD
 - Southwest ISD
 - Harlandale ISD

- North East ISD
- Southside ISD
- Collaborations
 - Early Childhood Training & Resource Fairs
 - Early Learning Summit
- Map
- Facebook
- Evaluation
- Survey Monkey
- Feedback

Boardmember Ramirez asked of videotaping guided teaching in efforts to give feedback or for modeling. Ms. Hamilton replied that still pictures had been used in guided teaching but that videotaping could also be used in the future. She noted that some videotaping was used in presentations during Saturday workshops.

Boardmember Albright asked of relationships with Universities, and teacher preparation programs. Ms. Hamilton indicated that some local Universities had attended the PD workshops. Ms. Bruck mentioned that the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and Texas A&M University students had their pre-service education students participate in practicum placements at Pre-K 4 SA Centers. She expanded on Texas Education Agency (TEA) accreditation guidelines. Boardmember Albright asked of the PD schedule. Ms. Hamilton replied that the schedule of upcoming events was on the Pre-K 4 SA website.

Boardmember Ray asked for clarification of CPE. Ms. Hamilton clarified that CPE stood for Continuing Professional Education.

Ms. Bruck expanded on the importance of giving degreed Teacher Assistants (TA) credit for student teaching at Pre-K 4 SA and hiring the TA's as teachers once they were certified by TEA.

Discussion ensued regarding low attrition.

Boardmember Hall asked of communications with child care centers in all seven districts, particularly with Edgewood ISD. Ms. Hamilton stated that Edgewood ISD and some child care centers did receive information of PD. She confirmed that the information was handed out by multiple partners and that it was available on the Pre-K 4 SA website. Boardmember Ray added that Councilmembers were very active in communicating PD to their districts.

Chairwoman Mendoza thanked Ms. Hamilton for her work.

8. Pre-K 4 SA Department Report [Kathy Bruck, Pre-K 4 SA CEO]

Ms. Bruck presented the following:

- Recruiting of two ISDs
- NAEYC accreditation for Pre-K 4 SA North and South Education Centers
- Strategic Planning

- 9. At any time during the meeting the Board may meet in executive session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney); and may further discuss other legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).**

Chairwoman Mendoza recessed the Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting into Executive Session at 3:25 pm. She reconvened the meeting at 3:58 pm and announced that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

- 10. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 2:00 pm.**

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine Mendoza, Chairperson

Martha G. Lambaria
Pre-K 4 SA