



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

Thursday October 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM, LADH Conference Room

Meeting will be live streamed via YouTube Live Stream (refer to school website

<https://www.ladh.org>)

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- 1) Adrian Gaytan called meeting to order at 5:37pm

GC Members Present:

Adrian Gaytan, President

Hilda Paz, Vice-President

Dalina Matsumoto, Treasurer

Elaine Palma, Secretary (responsible for meeting minutes)

Soila Estrada, General Member

Sonia Evaro, Parent Representative

GC Members Absent:

None

Quorum established.

Guests: Sylvy Galvan de Lucero, Head Administrator; Mirna Rodriguez, LADH Business Specialist; Frankie Rodriguez, Community Schools Coordinator

- 2) Approval of 10.17.24 regular GC meeting agenda

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the 10.17.24 regular GC meeting agenda; Hilda Paz seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Elaine Palma: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Soila Estrada: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

3) 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 present in chat room or in person to provide public input. Chat room was monitored throughout meeting.

4) Review, discussion, and possible approval of September 5, 2024, regular GC meeting minutes.

Mr. Gaytan noted that a draft of the minutes was sent to all GC members for review prior to today's meeting.

Adrian Gaytan moved to approve the September 5, 2024, regular GC meeting minutes; Hilda Paz seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Elaine Palma: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Soila Estrada: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

ACTION ITEMS

5) Review, discussion, and possible approval of BARs: Presented by Dalina Matsumoto

- 560-000-2425-0006-T: Transfer BAR; adjustment of \$1000 for anticipated expenses
- 560-000-2425-0007-M: Maintenance BAR; adjustment to budget of \$2400
- 560-000-2425-0008-I: Increase BAR; \$10,000 Hispanic Education Grant. The State had money left over and awarded it to the school. Money must be spent by December.
- 560-000-2425-0009-M: Maintenance BAR; adjustment budget of \$3000.

Dalina Matsumoto moved to approve BARs 560-000-2425-0006-T, 560-000-2425-0007-M, 560-000-2425-0008-I, and 560-000-2425-0009-M; Adrian Gaytan seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Elaine Palma: yes

Dalina Matsumoto: yes

Soila Estrada: yes

Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

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

- 6) Finance Committee Report: Presented by Dalina Matsumoto
 - a. Revenue and expense reports:
 - Reviewed revenue report and noted nothing unusual
 - Expenditure report: a couple of negative funds, with the largest being Community Schools, which will be adjusted next month. LADH will be receiving additional funds for Community Schools as many schools did not use all the funds awarded last year and their monies were reverted.
 - US Bank account: \$305,000.00
 - 40th day count: 93 students (projected 70). School will most likely see funding increase in February

- 7) 2024-2025 student recruitment/enrollment update: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero
 - Mrs. Galvan de Lucero reported that on the 40th day LADH had 93 students enrolled. There is one possible incoming 6th and 8th grader.
 - Many community events, where LADH students will be showcased, are planned soon.

- 8) Relocation Plan: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero
Relocation Plan/Procedures for LADH
 - A press release regarding the move was sent out to local media on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024.
 - A Parent Letter notifying parents of the official move and start date at the new location was sent out on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024. So far, responses have been positive.
 - The first 10-minutes of the Community Schools meeting today (Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024) were dedicated to discussing the moving plan and address concerns. Five parents were in attendance. Parent concerns centered on how middle and high school students would be maintained separated.
 - Once MOU and moving dates are finalized, staff will be directed to begin the process of packing and preparing to move personal instructional items. A preliminary draft of the MOU was sent to Alma's attorney.
 - After teachers have had enough time to set up their basic instructional space, an Open House will be scheduled to invite parents to tour the new location and become familiar with the space in which their students will be learning and growing (tentatively scheduled for right after Thanksgiving).

- 9) UPDATE: 2023-2024 annual site final report: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero
 - Report has LADH listed as a ATSI school, which is incorrect as school is classified as a Traditional school. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero contacted the office that released the report and provided supporting documentation. She was informed the report would be corrected.
 - Overall rating: MEETS

10) State testing results for 2023-2024: presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero

- Updated list of upcoming testing dates was released. Testing has been moved up and all testing must be completed by May 2nd.
- Testing results for the 2023-2024 and 2022-2023 were presented the GC for comparison.

11) New building search committee:

- Mrs. Rodriguez reported that she called the building on Telshor where Explore Academy was previously house. It is under contract and the real estate agent stated that the starting rent was \$20,000.
- Mrs. Galvan de Lucero drove by the bowling alley and noted that people were gutting and working on the building.
- Mrs. Rodriguez also contacted the First Baptist Church and has not received a call back. However, there is a sign for a movie production company.

12) Community schools report: Presented by Francisco Rodriguez

- They have been planning events to showcase LADH students.
- Met with the Community Schools Quality Manager. She provided numerous suggestions and contact information for Community Schools coordinators in the immediate area.
- Second Community Schools meeting was held today and there was a larger turnout than for the first meeting.

13) Head Administrators Report: Presented by Mrs. Galvan de Lucero

- Report was sent to all GC members (see attached).
- 93 students currently enrolled
- There is a waiting list for 6th grade of two students.
- After school music programs are very successful. Non LADH students are attending as are student parents.
- Mr. Gaytan asked about the possible use of the barn for a community event. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero noted that the heating/cooling system does not work, it is dusty and used for some storage. Mr. Gaytan explained that there is a Lucha League that has reached out looking for a venue to host a community event. Mrs. Galvan de Lucero expressed interest and asked him to share her contact information.

14) Secretary Report:

- GC Recruitment: search for member with financial expertise
- Annual calendar review:
 - October:
 - Board self-evaluation: identified the need for a GC with financial expertise as Mrs. Matsumoto is looking to exit the GC.
 - November:
 - Multi-year projections
 - GC training hours: reviewed the 1st quarter report
- Next GC meeting: 11.21.24 (send announcement)

15) Adrian Gaytan moved Adjourn GC general meeting 6:25; Dalina Matsumoto seconded

Roll Call Vote:

Adrian Gaytan: yes

Hilda Paz: yes

Elaine Palma: yes
Dalina Matsumoto: yes
Soila Estrada: yes
Sonia Evaro: yes

None opposed; motion passed

*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.

PRESS RELEASE:

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

October 10, 2024

La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School Moves to a New Location

****Lack of proper building maintenance prompts relocation of charter middle school****

****Las Cruces, NM**** — La Academia Dolores Huerta (LADH) Charter Middle School, currently leasing the building at 400 W. Bell Ave from Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS), has been asked to vacate the premises due to extensive disrepair, which has led to safety concerns. LCPS, which owns the building, has informed LADH that years of neglect have left the structure in a state of deterioration, particularly concerning the roof's structural integrity. Due to a lack of funding for necessary repairs, LCPS has decided that the building will no longer be available for lease to any outside entities.

"This is incredibly disheartening and frustrating. Finding a space large enough to house a growing school community with diverse cultural programs that doesn't require a ton of work and doesn't cost an arm and a leg is difficult in this area," said ****Sylvy Galvan de Lucero****, Superintendent and Head Principal of La Academia Dolores Huerta.

LADH must vacate the current location by ****December 30, 2024**** and plans to relocate to a vacant section of the Alma d'Arte Charter High School campus. The new space will provide the necessary security and separation from active portions of the Alma d'Arte campus. The school aims to settle into the new location in time to begin the ****Spring Semester on January 6, 2024****.

For more information, please contact:

****Sylvy Galvan de Lucero****, Superintendent/Head Principal

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LETTER TO PARENTS:

400 W. Bell Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88007 - (575) 526-2984 - www.ladh.org

October 11, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important development concerning the school's current location.

Some of you may or may not be aware of the fact that La Academia Dolores Huerta currently leases the building at 400 W. Bell Ave, from Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS). We have recently been notified by LCPS, the lessor/landlord of our school building, that we are required to vacate the property by December 31, 2024, the end of our Fall Semester. The lessor has decided not to renew our lease. We are continually in the process of seeking a new and permanent location for the school but as of right now have not been able to find an appropriate location.

We understand that this news may raise concerns, but please rest assured that the administration is working diligently to ensure a smooth transition. Thankfully a fellow charter school, Alma

d'Arte Charter High School, has unused campus space available at their location which they have offered to sublease to LADH until a suitable permanent facility is secured.

Our commitment to providing a safe, stable, and high-quality learning environment for your children remains our top priority. The portion of the Alma d'Arte campus that will be used by LADH provides us with our own separate entrance and exit and secured area that only our staff, students and families will have access to and will not overlap with the students of Alma d'Arte. We are taking all necessary measures to minimize any disruption to the school year and ensure that academic schedules and activities continue as planned.

We will keep you informed about any developments regarding our relocation, including timelines and how we plan to manage the move with minimal impact on students. Once we are all settled into our new location we will be hosting an Open House tour of our new facilities. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate this situation together.

Sincerely,
Sylvy Galvan de Lucero
Principal/Superintendent
(575) 526-2984
slucero@ladh.org

Achievement Summary: ASR, La Academia Dolores Huerta-560, 2023-2024, Spring, Grade 08

Group	Admin	Grade	Number Tested	Science			
				Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %
La Academia Dolores Huerta-560	2023-2024	Grade 08	29	17	55	28	0

Achievement Summary: MSSA, La Academia Dolores Huerta-001, 2023-2024, Spring, Grade 08

Group	Admin	Grade	Number Tested	Language Arts				Mathematics				
				Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	
La Academia Dolores Huerta-001	2023-2024	Grade 08	29	31	31	21	17	27	59	30	11	0

Achievement Summary: MSSA, La Academia Dolores Huerta-001, 2023-2024, Spring, Grade 07

Group	Admin	Grade	Number Tested	Language Arts				Mathematics				
				Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	
La Academia Dolores Huerta-001	2023-2024	Grade 07	27	19	44	11	26	27	70	15	15	0

Achievement Summary: MSSA, La Academia Dolores Huerta-560, 2023-2024, Spring, Grade 06

Group	Admin	Grade	Number Tested	Language Arts				Mathematics				
				Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	Novice %	Nearing Proficiency %	Proficient %	Advanced %	
La Academia Dolores Huerta-560	2023-2024	Grade 06	29	17	62	21	0	29	59	31	10	0

6th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate MATH					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10233			8.33%		
10275			16.67%		
10214			25.00%		
10235			33.33%		
10237			4.17%		
10276			16.67%		
10238			8.33%		
10239			16.67%		
10240			16.67%		
10241			16.67%		
10242			12.50%		
10243			20.83%		
10173			8.33%		
10244			54.17%		
10245			4.17%		
10279			41.67%		
10246			20.83%		
10247			8.33%		
10248					
10249			20.83%		
10250			0.00%		
10251			12.50%		
10252			62.50%		
10253			25.00%		
10254			12.50%		
10270			12.50%		
10255			4.17%		
10277					
10256			16.67%		
10236			12.50%		
10257			12.50%		
10190			12.50%		
10271			12.50%		
10272			16.67%		
10258			4.17%		
10259			12.50%		
10260			25.00%		
10261			37.50%		
10262			20.83%		
10263			25.00%		

6th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate ELA					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10233			0.00%		
10275			11.11%		
10214			72.22%		
10235			66.67%		
10237			22.22%		
10276			0.00%		
10238			16.67%		
10239			27.78%		
10240			61.11%		
10241			11.11%		
10242			33.33%		
10243			0.00%		
10173			33.33%		
10244			72.22%		
10245			11.11%		
10279			5.56%		
10246			5.56%		
10247			22.22%		
10248					
10249			33.33%		
10250			11.11%		
10251			27.78%		
10252			5.56%		
10253			66.67%		
10254			5.56%		
10270			22.22%		
10255			33.33%		
10277					
10256			11.11%		
10236			0.00%		
10257			27.78%		
10190			11.11%		
10271			16.67%		
10272			16.67%		
10258			16.67%		
10259			11.11%		
10260			66.67%		
10261			0.00%		
10262			5.56%		
10263			27.78%		

7th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate MATH					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10169			21.74%		
10206			43.48%		
10172			17.39%		
10280			17.39%		
10230			47.83%		
10225			52.17%		
10215			47.83%		
10175			39.13%		
10197			56.52%		
10176			34.78%		
10205			30.43%		
10178			39.13%		
10274			17.39%		
10182			39.13%		
10183			56.52%		
10185			39.13%		
10265			21.74%		
10187			52.17%		
10188			39.13%		
10273					
10189			39.13%		
10207			47.83%		
10216			21.74%		
10194			21.74%		
10195			26.09%		

7th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate ELA					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10169			31.82%		
10206			59.09%		
10172			9.09%		
10280			13.64%		
10230			13.64%		
10225			40.91%		
10215			18.18%		
10175			63.64%		
10197			13.64%		
10176			18.18%		
10205			36.36%		
10178			40.91%		
10274			18.18%		
10182			54.55%		
10183			36.36%		
10185			36.36%		
10265			13.64%		
10187			27.27%		
10188			36.36%		
10273					
10189			31.82%		
10207			45.45%		
10216			4.55%		
10194			27.27%		
10195			22.73%		

8th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate MATH					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10232			22.73%		
10208			27.27%		
635171564			27.27%		
10223			9.09%		
10227					
10226					
746646165			36.36%		
547739599			18.18%		
527373377			18.18%		
10281			0.00%		
228523775			27.27%		
10204			13.64%		
358573871			4.55%		
10163			27.27%		
10222			22.73%		
10268			4.55%		
757259965			9.09%		
10198			9.09%		
777377433			27.27%		
10278					
10231			36.36%		
499553162			9.09%		
658848528			22.73%		
10203			18.18%		
10165			13.64%		
277768529			27.27%		
10167					
10168			9.09%		
10269			18.18%		

8th Grade - SY24/25 Illuminate ELA					
Student ID	Last Name	First Name	BOY	MOY	EOY
10232			18.18%		
10208			68.18%		
635171564			59.09%		
10223			72.73%		
10227					
10226					
746646165			45.45%		
547739599			31.82%		
527373377			45.45%		
10281			45.45%		
228523775			59.09%		
10204			31.82%		
358573871			59.09%		
10163			50.00%		
10222			45.45%		
10268			27.27%		
757259965			40.91%		
10198			54.55%		
777377433			36.36%		
10278					
10231			54.55%		
499553162			22.73%		
658848528			54.55%		
10203			22.73%		
10165			68.18%		
277768529			45.45%		
10167					
10168			40.91%		
10269			31.82%		

Principal's Report

October 17, 2024

FY24-25 Registrations:

Grade	Enrolled	Pending SY25
6 th	39	2
7 th	25	
8 th	29	
Total	93	

LADH News:

- We have a waiting list for anymore incoming 6th graders
- To encourage and reward positive behavior we have opened a "Scholar Store"
- Our After School Community Programs are going strong and have had a very positive turnout.
- Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 17, 2024 @5pm (See Finance Report)

Student Achievement/ Student News:

- Student of the Month for August – Micah Barron

Professional Learning Community (PLC):

- PD will begin focusing on State Testing Data review along with Dual Language Instruction

Teacher/Staff News:

- We have 1 vacancy for an Educator Fellows position – eligible candidates must be enrolled in college pursuing either a bachelor's or master's degree and are planning to pursue a license from NMPED.
- We have hired a part time teacher, Mr. Gandara, to help ease some of the overload in the 6th grade classes. He will be teaching 1 section of each core class.

Upcoming Events:

- Our first Community Schools committee meeting will be Oct. 17, 2024 @ 4:00pm.
- LADH Performance groups are very busy and booked at a variety of different events throughout the community during the upcoming Election and Halloween/Dia de los Muertos season.

Fundraisers:

- None at this time

Community Collaboration:

- We have begun a partnership with NMSU's iCAN organization to provide students with information on health & wellness.
- LADH has begun a partnership with La Semilla
- Frank J. Papen Ctr (After School Program), CYFD
- Casa de Mi Alma Counseling Ctr partnership to provide mental health services to students.
- First Light Federal Credit Union providing financial literacy program and donations of food and supplies.
- A closer collaboration & partnership is being developed with Alma d'Arte charter high school and Raices del Saber to build stronger feeder patterns.