

# Kids Unlimited Academy, A Public Charter School

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM

*Board Members Present:* **Pedro Cabrera (chair), Carol Fischer, and Linda Evans, Michelle Blum Atkinson (secretary), Frank Phillips (treasurer), Martha Ibarra**

*Board Members Absent:* **Carolyn Hayes, Greg Aldridge**

*KU Staff Present:* **Tom Cole, Cass Weiland, Jani Hale, Sunshine Price**

*Next meeting:* October 17, 2017

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### I. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes

**Pedro Cabrera** called the *meeting to order* and asked the board to review the minutes. Carol Fischer made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, Linda Evans seconded and it passed unanimously.

### II. Business Update

The board reviewed the June 2017 (unaudited) and August 2017 financial statements. Both income and expenses are a bit over budget so far this fiscal year. There are no major concerns as long as the school stays consistent with spending.

Financials were moved to approved by Linda Evans and seconded by Frank Phillips and it passed unanimously.

### III. School Update

Jani Hale says that the children of Kids Unlimited have high Adverse Childhood Experiences and have experienced much trauma. She recommends a book called *Fostering Resilient Learners*. The goal is to have strong teachers who understand the children's experiences. Circles are being implemented in advisory programs. Teachers and staff are being encouraged to identify behavior and academic holes.

Academically, Jani is looking to other schools that are succeeding in filling holes and will implement some of those approaches. She will set up evaluations to identify holes so work can be aligned with the students' needs.

### IV. Tom's update

Tom Cole reports that the amount of staff training, the overall structure, and the professional development is very organized. Jani Hale and Sunshine Price have been incredible.

On the other side of things, Tom said that the lack of space due construction delays have been horrific and very disappointing. Construction delays have resulted in unbudgeted expenses including the rental of rooms in Central High School, additional transportation costs for busing students to the school, and unplanned food costs through Sodexo.

On a positive note, Tom believes Kids Unlimited Academy has a good chance to receive funds in October for capital assets (equipment, desks, smart boards) from a grant that was awarded a number of years ago but never paid out from the Department of Education.

The smarter balance scores have come out, and while the data is not public yet, Tom shared with the board that he is encouraged by the improvements.