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Centers for Applied Science and Technology
Board of Trustees Meeting | Nov. 15, 2023
Zoom | 5-5:30 PM

Meeting Attendees:

Board Members Present: Lisa Lewis, Dr. Lyssa Ochoa, Rene Dominguez, Katie Chain, Dr. Shari Albright, Jeanne Russell, and Erik Nieves

CAST Staff Present: Heriberto "Eddie" Rodriguez, Amanda Sierra, and Al Perez

1. Approve audit - Amanda Sierra

Amanda Sierra presented the Audit Report and Code of Conduct for Board Approval

- a. Dr. Lyssa Ochoa moved to the audit.
- b. Lisa Lewis seconded the motion.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve new board member - Lisa Lewis

Board President, Lisa Lewis, nominated Erik Ford to join the CAST Schools Board of Trustees. Ford is the Principal and Digital Director at [Heavy Heavy](#) and is a proud parent of a student at the Advanced Learning Academy.

- a. Rene Dominguez moved to approve Erik Ford's nomination.
- b. Dr. Shari Albright seconded the motion.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve minutes from 10.26.23 meeting - Eddie Rodriguez

- a. Erik Nieves moved to approve the 10.26.23 Meeting Minutes
- b. Dr. Lyssa Ochoa seconded the motion.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approve a new financial provision

- a. Erik Nieves moved to approve the new financial provision
- b. Lisa Lewis seconded the motion.
- c. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve proposed enrollment SAISD processes.

SAISD is modeling what enrollment will look like based on the new enrollment algorithm.

6. Updates

- a. CAST Tech Principal hire - Katie Chain
 - i. Jacob Barber, current Assistant Principal was selected as the new Principal for CAST Tech High School
- b. CAST STEM move - Jeanne Russell
 - i. The Southwest ISD Board of Trustees approved CAST STEM moving all grades to Palo Alto College (9-12th) beginning in January 2024

7. Recent & upcoming events

- a. Nov. 9 Employer breakfast
- b. Nov. 15 CAST Teach tours

- c. Nov. 28 – Dec. 2: Student Advisory Trip to Mexico City
- d. Nov. 28 - UP Partnership announcement of Blue Meridian grant, with CAST Schools as the anchor partner for Youth Voice
- e. Dec. 7 National Postsecondary Strategy Institute Site Visit - CAST Tech/ALA
- f. Speak Up Speak Out Regional Civics Fair, Jan. 19, 2024, Texas A&M University

8. Board action items

- a. Add any data to individual donor sheet (link in chat)
- b. Sign up to Judge at Speak Up Speak Out (link in chat)
- c. Send a recruiter to the Annual Hiring Fair
- d. Help us ID sponsors for Youth Voice & Leadership work (Speak Up Speak Out, Youth Rally, & more)

9. Graduation dates (sent as calendar invites, would like one board rep. per campus)

- a. May 23, 2024: CAST Lead (first graduating class), 6:30 p.m., Patterson Performing Arts Center
- b. May 29, 2024: CAST STEM graduation, 6pm, Texas A&M-San Antonio (confirming venue)
- c. May 31, 2024: CAST Med HS, 1 p.m., Alamo Convocation Center
- d. June 1, 2024: CAST Tech HS, 4 p.m., Alamo Convocation Center
- e. June 2, 2024: Advanced Learning Academy, 10 a.m., Alamo Convocation Center