# Escuela Éxitos Board Special Meeting Minutes October 23, 2020 at 4PM Online Meeting VIA Zoom

## **Role Call:**

• **Present:** Mike Vanselow, Andrea Cortes, and Sam Pfeifer

• Absent: Dean Kephart

One board seat had been vacated and not yet filled

• Meeting called to order by Mike at 4:12

## **School Leader Selection:**

#### **The Selection Process:**

- The School Leader Selection Committee presented their recommendation to the Board
  - The Committee went through the following process:
    - Escuela Éxitos developed a job description aligned with Minnesota Statutes and the School Leader position was posted to seven different websites.
    - There were six applicants and all Board Members viewed all six applications.
    - At the October Board Meeting a Selection Committee was formed to interview potential candidates and make a recommendation to the Board regarding who they believed the School Leader should be.
      - The Selection Committee was approved to consist of Andrea and Sam.
      - The Selection Committee evaluated candidates based on the following criteria:
        - Education, Experience and Expertise with the School's Model
        - Ability to Attract Students through an Effective Marketing Plan
        - Expertise in Bilingual Education
        - Ability to Effectively Communicate with Parents and the Community
        - Expertise in Working with Diverse Community Members

#### The Recommendation:

- Based on the criteria established to evaluate candidates, the Selection Committee recommended Luis Vanegas to be the School Leader of Escuela Éxitos.
  - *The Committee* cited the work Luis had done in the previous year to recruit families to Escuela Éxitos and his continued contact with those families our opening was delayed.
  - The Committee cited the experience and knowledge regarding bilingual education.
  - *The Committee* believed Luis is the best candidate according to the criteria. They also acknowledged a second candidate who was less experienced and less familiar with bilingual education, however, still very impressive. They encouraged the Board to consider this candidate for a future position.

### Approval:

- The motion to approve Luis Vanegas as the School Leader of Escuela Éxitos was moved by Sam and seconded by Andrea. The motion carried.
  - Conversation regarding contract specifics for Luis Venegas will take place following the meeting.