



Board of Directors Meeting

05 October 2020

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

APPROVED

Meeting to Order:

7:08 pm.

Attendance:

From the Board—Kandis Gibson (chair), Doug Hollis (secretary), John Boochever, Ted Joseph (treasurer), Chante Chambers (vice chair), Dickey Comeaux, Tony Keith, Natalia Bovkun, Kerron Kalloo

From the School—Janine Gomez (Executive Director)

Administrative Update:

Board Chair Gibson, shared she accepted Director Esther Wetherbee's resignation from the Board.

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes--** D. Hollis shared the minutes from 9.21.2020 to be approved.

MOTION: Approve Minutes

- Motion to Approve-- D. Comeaux
- Motion Seconded- J. Boochever

VOTE: Approve Minutes

- For: 9
- Against: 0
- Abstain: 0

- 2. Exec. Director Report (J. Gomez)**

- Student Count Day-- 57 learners were counted. This is not that far off from the 60 learners we established the budget around. Not concerned about the budget since this is negligible and we can still operate with additional grant money, operational adjustments, etc. without impacting what we provide to students and families.
- Continuous Education Plan was officially approved today (10.5.2020) by OSSE; previously it was conditionally approved.
- Mayor Bowser announced DCPS will be going back in-person on November 9th; starting with PreK 3 - 5th grade. I Dream is in no way obligated to follow DCPS. The school is currently engaging families and staff through surveys and will be intentional in the next phase of in-person opportunities.



3. Working Group Update and Next Steps Discussion

Board engaged in discussion on term length of parent board members. Board Chair Gibson recommended a 1 year, renewable term for parents, noting the great commitment it required and the opportunity for the board to have a variety of participants. Additionally a one year term for parents was fairly common across charter schools. The short timeframe to connect was highlighted as a challenge for a Board member.

There was a lengthy discussion that included perspectives around having the same or different criteria in requirements and terms for family board members.

MOTION: For one year renewable term for family board members (D. Hollis)		
SECONDED: T. Keith		
VOTES		
For	Nay	Abstain
D. Hollis	K. Kalloo	N. Bovkun
K. Gibson		D. Comeaux
T. Joseph		C. Chambers
J. Boochever		T. Keith
Motion Fails-- 4 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 abstention (no majority for)		

As a follow up, Board Chair Gibson asked Board Secretary Hollis to create a document to summarize the discussion, varying perspectives, and additional mechanisms related to Board evaluation for Board Directors to comment on and consider prior to the next meeting.

4. Future Working Group Discussion

Due to time, Board Chair Gibson shared we would not discuss the other documents created by working groups or discuss the next phase of working groups. This will be discussed in future meetings.

Meeting concluded at 8:40 pm

