



Board of Directors Meeting

14 March 2022

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Meeting to Order:

7:00 pm

Attendance:

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

From the School—Janine Gomez (Executive Director)

Outside Presenters— Kim Swenson (EdOps)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Opening

2. ED Update (J. Gomez)

- Staff Celebrations
 - Thanks to Board Members who have contributed to support staff appreciation
 - School is working on monthly celebrations to become a part of the traditions, but also an opportunity to build community get to know each other better
 - Staff celebration week will occur in May (May 1 - 6)
 - End of Year celebration in June
- Facilities and St. Elizabeth Project Update--
 - Group has heard from the city and the proposal has to be rewritten. They lost the city agency commitment they initially had. Having a city agency was a requirement, so they will now have to resubmit.
 - There is a Barry Farm revitalization group as well, and school will speak to them
 - School has visited 2 other locations as well
 - The school desire is to move next summer; enrollment will dictate the need
- Student applications and enrollment update
 - School had 167 applicants before the lottery closed.
 - School will have a waitlist for next school year's admissions
 - 61 students ranked I Dream in the top 3
 - 51%- from Ward 8
 - 37%- from Ward 7
 - 58 applications in PreK 3 which is almost triple the number from last year.
- Staff Intent to return--
 - Everyone, except for 2 (who are undecided), plan on return next year



- School is exploring some new positions and the opportunity to repurpose some positions
- Discussion of Student Attendance
 - Working to better position practices and procedures for Coaches at the school
 - There is still some apprehension with some families around COVID positivity rises; school continues to communicate with families and encourage in-person attendance

3. Finance Update (T. Joseph with Ed Ops– Kim Swenson)

- Kim shares the budget report
- Overall, the school is still in a good financial standing
- Budget Planning/Timeline
 - Weekly Meetings in March with school team
 - First draft to be developed in April
 - Second Draft to be developed in May
 - Budget will go to by Finance Committee in May/june
 - Final Board Approval in June

4. Chair Update (K. Gibson)

- Meetings
 - We will need to add a June Meeting
 - We will take Board action on budget in this meeting
 - Hoping for this to be a in person meeting
- Committees
 - No update for school performance committee
 - We will need a interview committee for new board members
 - Tony Keith, Kandis Gibson, Dickey, Danielle Champ, Chante Chambers
- Still Seeking New Board Members
 - Please nominate people you know– consider diversity in every sense of the word, including the diversity of industries (real estate, government, and banking/finance would be helpful additions)
 - Board is looking to add 3 - 5 members this year
 - Board will need to add 4 members the following year
 - This is just to make sure we stay current size and compliant as people roll off
- Accepting interest in serving Board Chair or Board Secretary next year

5. Closing

Meeting Concluded at 8:30 pm