



Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

Board of Directors Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

May 8, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET
via Zoom

In attendance: Morris Clarke, Lucy Newton, Pete Weber, Rusty Wilson, Mary Pitts, Aleta Margolis, Andrea Browning, Maureen Ingram, Michelle Lerner, Leah Squires

Absent: Sundai Riggins

Staff: Kate Keplinger

Guests: Principal Hakim Johnson

Minutes by: Joanne Irby, Board Secretary

Called to Order: 11:37 am

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: The Board moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 8, 2023.

Approved.

Committee Updates

- **Nominations and Governance Committee**
 - Morris will send updated skills matrix to Board to guide thinking re new members
 - Morris' email will also serve as a request for status updates for anyone approaching the 3rd year of their term
- **Academic Committee (Guest: Principal Hakim Johnson)**
 - Discussion and analysis of test scores and other assessments
 - Discussion of progress toward academic goals for school year
- **Demonstration Committee Update:**
 - School requests that Board share feedback on the learning showcase via online form; goal will be to eventually open up these showcases to an outside audience.
 - The next Showcase will be June 14
- **Executive Committee**
 - Issues with strategic planning contract
 - Next year officer positions need to be determined; Exec Comm will be reaching out to all Board members to solicit interest in officer roles
- **Finance & Business Oversight Committee**
 - Will finish the year in \$10M in cash, reflects savings for a number of contingencies, some of which did not occur
 - 990 has been approved and filed
 - Next school year budget has been reviewed, will be approved next month
 - Had annual bond holders investor call last week; went well

- Items coming up:
 - Basement renovation in summer 2024, \$4M is projected
 - HVAC units – still going back and forth re resolving those issues getting to the bottom of the ongoing issues; \$150K fix, compared to the approx. \$400K that's already been spent on interim fixes;
 - Potential of putting solar panels on the roof, to include assessing whether to finance or purchase directly

Head of School updates (Kate in lieu of Dr. Riggins)

- General Updates:
 - Learning Showcase is June 14, 5:30pm; Board is invited to attend
 - 8th grade portfolio defenses and promotion coming up
 - Conducted Spring break return to school COVID testing per DCPS recommendation; instances were very low
- Lottery Data:
 - 1286 lottery application, plus 158 post-lottery; 10% increase in apps, compared to 3% city-wide
 - Highest number of apps are in PK3 and 6th grade
- Academics
 - Currently in the middle of PARCC testing
- Fundraising
 - Received a grant of \$66,000 for summer boost program, focus is students who are below grade level as well as incoming students who may need support
 - IFA has been running online auction; Inspired Evening will be less about fundraising, more about community building, particularly for some of the newer families- May 20
- Community
 - Cookies and Conversation will be every Thursday this month for families who can chat after pick-up; Dr. Riggins and Principal Johnson hosting
 - Equity consultant has completed her work, staff will be meeting with her to discuss what the share out will be
 - Request for Kate to send a donation link for Board members to contribute to the school

Motion to Enter Closed Session to discuss Strategic Planning Contract

Approved

Closed Session Discussion of Strategic Planning Process Began at 12:31pm and ended 1:10 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 1:11 pm.