

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, May 11th, 2021
5:30pm

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Present: Leila Villaverde, Roy Carter, Joanna Lower, Jay Hawkins, Greg Bush, Yacine Kout, Travis Laughlin, Tracy Shaw, Fred Adams

Guests: Anna Martinek-Jenne, Jennifer Rogers, Kristen Kevorkian

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda. Yacine Kout motioned to approve the agenda, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Greg Bush motioned to approve the minutes from April, Yacine Kout seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment - none

Report from Executive Director

Tracy Shaw highlighted points from her report.

- Remote learning avg daily attendance 92% and engagement is at 90%. At this time of year, the slight decline is a trend schools see during normal circumstances and we may be seeing more because of zoom.
- Total Enrollment as of May 9th is 307 down from 310 in April
- Latest Application #'s as of March 8th

Grade	Seats Confirmed	Seats Available	Waitlist
K	36	36	52
1	6	6	19
2	7	7	22
3	6	6	20
4	8	8	7
5	5	8	0

6	7	7	5
7	11	11	1
8	6	9	0

- MAP Growth Assessment will be given one more time before the end of the school year. Will have data to share at the June Board Meeting.
- Waiver was approved by the State-unfortunately the EOG's still need to be given, however, the accountability aspect for the school has been removed. This means that data from the EOG's will not be held against a school.
- In reporting for Good Cause Exemption-this allows if a student does not perform well on the Reading EOG3 we can use other data to show the student is proficient. Based on MAP Growth Reading Assessments 70% of our third graders were performing at the proficient level as deemed by the state.
- Today was the first day of EOGS, and they went really well. Most concern was around attendance and technical issues. Attendance was strong and no technical issues.
- 8th grade celebration is set for July 9th @ 6:30 PM. The stage at Lebauer Park has been reserved for us to have our celebration.
- New lunchroom, K-House furniture arrived May 6th, along with tables and storage units
- Lenovo Laptops arrived that were ordered in the beginning of the academic year-40 were configured for us to use for the EOG's
- The School Leadership Team has a proposed Summer Program to help students who have struggled with remote learning and have not performed well on EOG's, MAP's and in class instruction.

Joanna Lower asked about enrollment and wondered opening more 6th grade seats to account for difficulty in recruiting new 5th graders due to a less natural time to change school. Tracy Shaw indicated that she would be looking at seats across grade levels as more data came in regarding students that may not be returning.

Standing Committee Reports

- Curriculum Committee report – no report
- Finance Committee report – no report but, Leila Villaverde provided an update on air purification systems and discussion with Kotis Properties. Leila Villaverde shared that we were receiving some Covid funds for facilities. She shared that she talked with Kotis and he is interested in helping with the air purification system in the building. He has been installing these in other businesses and buildings and was willing to work closely with us to get the systems installed before next school year. He is also looking into the lot for sale next to the parking lot as possible space for an outdoor classroom and second playground.
- Grievance Committee report – no report

Summer Program Proposal

Tracy Shaw provided more information about the proposed Summer Program.

She noted that we are not mandated to offer a program by the state but, we are encouraged to do so.

The state program was not in light with our mission so the leadership team created something specifically for TESG for students who have been struggling. Participation would be voluntary and invitations would be extended based on specific criteria based on EOG data (not proficient) or MAP data or report card data (not on grade level). The program for rising 1st to 3rd graders will focus on reading. The program for rising 4th – 8th graders will be based on the experiential education model with learning experiences that integrate reading, math and science. The program will be held of 3 weeks for 4 days each week, 9-12 noon. Participates will be required to attend all sessions. Invitations will be prioritized and extended based on who enrolls. The program will be in person with small groups and there will also be a virtual option. Funds will support stipends for 8 teachers and 4 assistant teachers. Once students are enrolled, teachers will review student data to design instruction according to specific areas of need. At the end of the 3 week program, students will complete the MAP assessment to measure growth as well as follow into the fall. Tracy Shaw shared that there are teachers and assistant teachers interested in working the program. Joanna Lower asked the student capacity of the program. Tracy Shaw responded that 25 students in the lower grades and 25 students in the upper grades for the in person program and another 20 students for the virtual program. Jay Hawkins asked if the criteria for an invitation was based on this years EOGS and grade level data. Tracy Shaw confirmed. Joana Lower asked about commitment requirement. Tracy Shaw confirmed that students/families must commit to attending all 3 weeks of the program. Transportation was asked about. Tracy Shaw indicated that yes, bussing would be available. Jay Hawkins asked how the virtual program would be set up. Tracy Shaw indicated similar to now, with synchronous sessions on zoom and built in breaks. Yacine Kout asked about meals. Tracy Shaw indicated that students would leave prior to lunch but, that snacks would be provided and that we were also partnering with Backpack Beginnings so food could also be sent home with students if needed. Leila Villaverde asked if there were any additional questions and if not asked for a motion. Yacine Kout motioned to approve the proposed summer program, Jay Hawkins seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - none

New Business

1. Leila Villaverde called for a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Travis Laughlin motioned to go into closed session for the reasons mentioned, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:51 p.m. and exited closed session at 7:05 p.m.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to vote on the decisions made during closed session. Greg Bush motion to vote on the decisions made during closed session. Fred Adams seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements –

Joanna Lower shared that Questionnaires went out to Families as well as Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff for our annual review.

Leila Villaverde shared that 8th graders were receiving a complimentary t-shirt designed by Roy Carter for graduation and that t-shirts were also available for purchase.

Motion to adjourn –

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.