

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, November 9th, 2021
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom

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

Guests: Jennifer Rogers, Kerri Clavette, Kristen

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of October Board Meeting Minutes

It was requested to table this vote until the November meeting because there were so many minutes for review.

Public Comment - no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tracy Shaw reported the last month being good with enrollment at 308 (2 withdrawals from last month). There were no changes in the Diverse Learners numbers. She noted that the lottery was open for applications. As of the weekend we had 17 applications which was up by 2 compared to last year at this time, with the majority being in K at this time. All MAP assessments have been completed.

For Grades K-2nd Grade Students took the Map Reading Fluency Assessment which assesses decoding and language awareness. At this juncture most students in K are exceeding or meeting in phonics, word recognition, picture vocabulary, and listening comprehension. For first grade 50% exceed in phonics and word recognition and most students are meeting in listening comprehension and picture vocabulary. For second grade more than 75% are exceeding in phonics and word recognition and meeting listening comprehension and picture vocabulary. Given concerns related to learning loss, these results were promising. Average daily attendance for this month was 96%. Tracy Shaw shared that we have welcomed new staff to the school including:

- Ms. Nancy Smoot to the Kindergarten House
- Ms. DaZah Brooks to the Diverse Learner Team-Grades K-4th Grade
- Ms. JaKara Sullivan to the 7th/8th Grade House
- Mr. Gary Sheffield as our Facilities Manager/ Custodian

- Ms. Annie Rapaka as our Business Manager

She noted that conferences will begin this week and go through December 3rd, 1st Trimester Report Cards will go home December 2nd, and Tea with Tracy Let's Talk High School was Monday, November 8th. About 20 parents attended to learn about high school options for their students.

Jay Hawkins asked about the lottery. Tracy Shaw confirmed that the open lottery was for the 22-23 school year.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee reports. However, Leila Villaverde shared that hopefully before next month will a state budget. Local funds have been coming in and the annual audit was good. Leila Villaverde asked Joanna Lower to share about the Giving Tuesday campaign. Joanna Lower noted that the annual Giving Campaign launched, with Giving Tuesday falling on Nov. 30, and the campaign closing a week later. The goal was to raise \$10,000 to be matched by Drs. Marin Burton and Kip Corrington for the fourth year. She noted that we had a focus on participation and encouraged all to contribute what they could.

- Curriculum Committee report - none
- Finance Committee report - none
- Grievance Committee report – none

New Business

1. Monthly mask mandate vote.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to continue the mask mandate at TESSG, Fred Adams motioned to keep masks required at TESSG, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Leila Villaverde explained that next she was going to call for a motion to go into closed session and once we were in closed session guests could choose to leave or go into a waiting room until we came out of closed session. Joanna Lower asked prior to this motion to clarify who the attendee with the first name Kristen was with a last name. There was no response. Joanna Lower indicated she would list the first name as present among the guest in the minutes.

2. Lela Villaverde called for a motion to go into closed session to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of personnel in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Jay Hawkins motion to go into closed session for the reasons stated, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:30 p.m. and returned to open session at 5:59 p.m.

Leila Villaverde welcomed Kristen back to open session from the waiting room.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to vote on the personnel decisions made during closed session. Roy Carter motioned to vote on the personnel decisions made during closed session, Jay Hawkins seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements – none

Leila Villaverde indicated she would entertain a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Fred Adams seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.