

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, May 10th, 2022
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom

Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740

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

Guests: Kerri Clavette, Caroline Kernahan

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m and welcomed guests.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tracy Shaw indicated that she did not have much to report for this month.

In terms of Covid, the week of April 25th upon return from Spring Break there were a couple positive cases and then that dropped down to zero the week of May 2nd.

The courier did not show up Monday, May 9th so we are still waiting on COVID results for this week. Other viruses, strep, and influenza are going around.

Tracy Shaw shared and update on enrollment numbers and the lottery system.

She indicated that she opened a few more seats in the lottery and they have filled up. Kindergarten: 32 (54 waitlist), 1/2 House 27 (2 pending; 5 wait list), 3/4 House (23; 13 waitlist), 5/6 House 24 (1 pending; 7 waitlist), 7/8 12 (1 pending; 0 waitlist). She also included a chart with number of current and incoming students with IEPs (22%), projecting a total of 78 students school-wide with IEPs. Tracy Shaw noted that Arthur Durham was going back through the pending applicants to verify documentation requirements.

Tracy Shaw shared students were completing MAP assessments this week and that she would have results at the next Board meeting. This will be the first year we have 3 points of data (beginning, middle, end of year). She will also be able to provide preliminary thoughts on EOG results at the next Board meeting since scores are instant because they are computerized.

Tracy Shaw shared narratives will be included in the end of year report card and that teachers have been working on those so that the arts team can add their feedback. She also shared that planning for EOGs has begun, mapping out spaces to meet all testing requirements. Teams/Houses have submitted their final purchase requests to Annie Rapaka from the funds raised during the Giving Campaign. Kindergarten has two field trips planned towards the end of May and the beginning of June to the arboretum and the butterfly farm. 3/4 House has a field trip planned for the Bog Garden.

Travis Laughlin asked when the field trips were. Tracy Shaw responded May 27 and June 1 for Kindergarten and she'd have to check on the date for 3/4 House. Travis Shaw shared that he works for Parks and Rec and Greensboro Beautiful can do guided tours if they'd like a plant/garden expert with them. He noted that he received the requests for the field trips via Parks and Rec but, would get in touch about more specifics to arrange for tours with an expert.

Standing Committee Reports

- Curriculum Committee report - none
- Finance Committee report – Greg Bush reported that the finance committee had a chance to meet and look at this year's budget and next year's budget. The committee focused in on enrollment numbers and currently there is a deficit but, we were looking at moving some funds around and we should be in a good position.
- Grievance Committee report - none

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Mask mandate vote.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to continue the mask mandate indoors at TESSG. Jay Hawkins motioned to continue the mask mandate, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Contract approval for services.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the Speech Services contract. She noted that the rate stayed the same from this year. Joanna Lower motioned to approve the Speech Services contract, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Leila Villaverde noted that the next motion would be to go into closed session and that guests could move into the waiting room during closed session or opt to log off if they chose.

3. 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. Greg Bush motioned to go into closed session, Yacine Kout seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:42 and returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

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

Announcements

Joanna Lower shared that Tracy Shaw indicated that the Clownsville premiere would be coming soon, that Carlos Heredia was finishing up edits this weekend.

Joanna Lower also shared the TESH Celebration t-shirt sale was on sale and that 8th graders would be receiving a complimentary shirt at the 8th Grade Celebration scheduled for June 9 at the LeBauer Park stage.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jay Hawkins seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.