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Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 6:30 PM CDT
Foundation Preparatory

Present: Mark Heck, Adrienne Celestine, Brooke Wyatt, Scott Champagne, Kristyna Jones, Erin Rigsby

Absent: Dan Waldman, Meghan Turner

Guests: Myrialis King, Kevin Cox

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Record Attendance and Guests
- B. Call the Meeting to Order at 6:37 p.m.
- C. Approve July and September Meeting Minutes

Motion to amend the July Board meeting minutes, Section B of Finance section to amend the words “by October” to “at a later date pending availability of updated enrollment data” by S. Champagne. Seconded by M. Heck. Unanimous approval. S. Champagne motioned to approve July minutes. Seconded by K. Jones. Unanimous approval. M. Heck motioned to approve September meeting minutes. Seconded by S. Champagne. K. Jones abstained. All others voted to approve.

II. GOVERNANCE

- A. Board Retreat
There is no date in November or December that everyone is available. Suggest holding retreat early next year. Table item until a later date.
- B. Fee Policy – 2nd Reading and Vote
S. Champagne motioned to approve. Seconded by K. Jones. Unanimous approval.
- C. Seclusion and Restraint Policy and Title IX and Sex Discrimination Policy
K. Jones motioned to approve Seclusion and Restraint Policy. Seconded by M. Heck. Unanimous approval. M. Heck motioned to approve Title IX and Sex Discrimination Policy. E. Rigsby seconded. Unanimous approval.
- D. Ethics Policy – 2nd Reading and Vote
Motion by S. Champagne to amend the agenda to include under governance a second reading a vote of Ethics Policy. Seconded by M. Heck. Unanimous approval. Motion to approve policy by M. Heck. Seconded by E. Grigsby. Unanimous approval,

III. DEVELOPMENT

- A. Committee Update
We received notice FP did not place in the awarding of the Wisner Foundation grant. A couple of rolling applications coming down the pipeline. Two Entergy Foundation grants coming up. Will start talking about two big fundraisers – Give NOLA Day and Jazz Fest. Giving Tuesday is coming up the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

IV. FINANCE

A. Review of September Financial Statements

No significant changes. Reduction in philanthropy income due to a miscalculation of when the CCNO funds would come in. Moved to next FY revenue. Our estimate for revenue for differentiated students was conservatively underestimated. The actual numbers will offset the reduction due to the miscalculation.

V. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

A. Updates

Review of Choice Foundation: TNTP Site Visit Summary results. Foundation Prep scored highest of all schools evaluated. TNTP will put together a plan to help support the team to improve upon areas of improvement. Haunted House and Trunk or Treat tomorrow for Halloween.

VI. CANO Update

A. Updates

There is a lot going on. Nothing directly affecting FP at the moment. Due to a current financial deficit at Choice Foundation, mainly due to budget issues at Lafayette, there have been several rounds of layoffs and there is a hiring and non-essential spending freeze. The deficit is a result of budgeting issues, the loss of a lot of students due to the relocation to the old McDonough 35 building, and the asbestos issue. When we apply for a new charter and take over a new school, existing school is required to true up and the debt of existing school is not assumed by new charter. Currently working on securing funds for all the schools.

VII. CLOSING ITEMS

M. Heck motioned to adjourn. Seconded by K. Jones. Unanimous approval. 7:24 p.m.

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