

DRAFT MINUTES

Date

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
6:00-7:30pm

Board Members In Attendance

X Alvarez Symonette, Chair
X Rema Davis, Secretary
X John Duval (by phone)
X Patrice Fenton (by phone)
X Frank Taylor (by phone)

School Staff in Attendance

X John Clemente
X Natalie Ferrell
X Brandon Corley

Guests in Attendance

X Neysha Mejia (by phone)
X Kiu Geula (by phone)
X: Z Sanchez
X Sarah Bowen
X Nataly Monsalve
X Christopher Fleming

Board Members Not In Attendance

Katelyn Del Priore, Treasurer
Kunjan Mehta
Mayling Blanco
Michael Busch, Vice Chair

To do items:

- Need to review package for facilities with Z (JC/board?)
- Alvarez: 2x4 LED lights for possible donation
- March 24th regents /graduation discussion by Chancellor.
- Events:
 - May 1 am college signing day; will do an auditorium event
 - JUNE 8th gala last year.... JC/Maria have started a little ground work around there.
 - Community day
 - Maybe ground breaking end of june
- John to invite Kiu and Z to Teens for Food mtg (mid March)

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 - Alvarez, Chair, called the meeting to order.
 - January 2020 Board Meeting minutes to the Board
 - Rema motioned to approve the minutes; Alvarez seconded the motion
 - Minutes unanimously approved by Board

2. Facilities (Neysha/Kiu):

- Structure up to 3rd floor and in some areas to 4th/5th
- Planks up to 3rd floor; takes about 2 weeks per floor. Should be on schedule to complete super structure by end of March
- Next step will be to enclose building with concrete blocks
- First floor perimeter enclosed.
- April should begin installation of the waterproofing, insulation and brick
- In the next few weeks should begin working on cellar/1st floor interior walls
- Temporary power and lighting has been installed; temporary construction elevator will be installed soon.
- Need to review data plan package with Z.
- Zis
 - Review of Physical enhancements and budget
 - Savings from \$401k Kiu's budget to: \$269k if we cut
 - Shades, furniture, lighting and other items could add further savings if reusing some existing items.
 - Plus signed IT contract, \$200k for basic infrastructure

3. Academic Accountability

- Cumulative regents test data for 10-12 graders
 - 67% of 12th graders have passed Regents (requirement for graduation) Additional 15% of 12th graders are at 3+, putting them in good range of meeting the mark to graduate in 4 years.
 - 45% of current 11th graders are at 3+ Regents; we are in striking distance of meeting our charter goal of 75% of students have passed 3+ Regents entering 12th grade.
 - We are noticing trends of students performing better on exams earlier, lowering the number of times they have to take an exam. We have and will continue to reflect on what is helping students produce results on these gateway exams.
 - We spent a considerable amount of time discussing our AP courses and how we want to build opportunities for more students to be engaged in AP courses earlier in their HS careers.
 - Higher % of tenth graders have passed the living environment exam
 - Improvements have come from having a dedicated sequence of regents exam timing
 - A few 10th graders currently taking AP history; have already passed the regents also.
- Just finished mid-year proficiency report
 - Goal: Competency based review
 - Highest leverage improvements: Mastery focus/philosophy

4. Board Development

- Need to continue to step up and bring in new members
- Advisory board discussion

5. Discussed Leadership feedback survey

6. Temporary facilities

- 6 months out from needed to be in the new space
- 10 river avenue;

7. Insurance

- Approved PEO company: JustWorks
- JC had the reference call; went very well
- Moving forward.

8. Next Meeting: March 25, 2020

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rema Davis, Secretary, on March 25, 2020.