

DRAFT MINUTES

Date

Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:00-8:15pm

Board Members In Attendance

Alvarez Symonette, Chair
Katelyn Del Priore, Treasurer (by phone)
Rema Davis, Secretary
John Duval (by phone)
Mayling Blanco (by phone)
Kunjan Mehta (by phone)

School Staff in Attendance

John Clemente
Brandon Corley

Guests in Attendance

Ken Cerini
Kiu Geula
Neysha Mejia
Karen Patwa
Padraig Shea
Demetria McDonald

Board Members Not In Attendance

Michael Busch, Vice Chair
Patrice Fenton
Frank Taylor
Natalie Ferrell (Leadership)

To do items:

- JC to provide sped and els students on grade by grade
- JD and BC to discuss further 12th grade preparation for life post HS
- JC to share letter from 9/10 student issue; add these as dashboard items also
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Agenda

1. Call to Order and Welcome
 - John acting as Board Chair called meeting to order
 - August 2019 Board Meeting minutes to the Board
 - Kate motioned to approve the minutes; Rema seconded the motion
 - Minutes unanimously approved by Board

2. Facilities Update (by Kiu)
 - Completed excavation for north property line and have excavated that section
 - Started with concrete pouring from north to south. Starting w/ foundation and walls on north side
 - Received first drawings from steel mfg for anchor boards; 2nd set of drawings being reviewed.

- Delivery of steel scheduled for december
 - Completed negotiation for plank mfg. once approved, will start his shop drawing
 - Negotiations for mason started
 - Shop drawings for mechanical system sent in next to weeks
 - Ordered elevator, plumbing, etc.
 - Working with con-ed on service layout.
 - Financing: working with permanent lender (2 lenders - community development trust, reinvestment fund) reviewing 15 year data by school
 - BOA has completed due dili and waiting on commitment from permanent lender.
 - Kiu will meet with John tomorrow to review 15 year budget
3. Financials (by Ken)
- School revenue being picked up over 10 months now instead of 12
 - Working with benefits broker to see if there's improvement opportunities to ensure there's at least equal or better benefits
 - Summer months tend to be more expense driven with little operations.
4. Academic Accountability
- Student demographics, Incoming 9th grade
 - 22% SpEd; increased from first year of school
 - 13% ELS, close to district numbers
 - 332 students overall
 - Meet with families and review student housing and life
 - Student credit accumulation data; Mastery based learning
 - Student must pass 80% of mastery of the course attainments
 - Mastery is proficiency for underclassmen 2x, 3x for upper classmen. This is the equivalent of at least a B in district schools to "pass"
 - On average, 80% of our students are on track to graduate within 4 years. District 7... 57% of students graduated in 4 years
 - 87% of founding students on pace after 1st year of high school, 79% after 2nd and 3rd year. As classes have been added, staff is divided among more students but graduation rate is still at expectations.
 - Strong when compared to district 7, we believe due to Mastery of skills and extending learning pathways in different spaces.
 - CORE and ROP will be used to create a unit to ensure the students have support all 4 years.
 - Restorative Justice
 - Focus on "Level 3-5" offenses, less on lower level like cutting classes (simple deterrent seems sufficient for that).
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5. Executive Session
6. Next Meeting: October 30, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rema Davis, Secretary, on October 27, 2019.