

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, August 9th, 2022
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom

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In attendance: Leila Villaverde, Jay Hawkins, Greg Bush, Roy Carter, Fred Adams, Joanna Lower

Guests: Kristen Kevorkian, Elizabeth B, Damie Jackson-Diop

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Jay Hawkins made the motion, Fred Adams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes:

Leila Villaverde asked for a motion to approve the July Board Meeting minutes. Roy Carter moved, Greg Bush seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tinisha Shaw provided a summary of enrollment, currently we are at 365, 20% are diverse learners, these are shifting numbers and will report later this week with an update. During July we revised employee handbook, will have full days of pd upcoming, the family handbook is under review, identakid will be set up again, we are moving to PowerSchool gradebook and training for teachers. Virtual open house is August 16th and meet and greet for families is the next day from 10-5 with a 2 hr lunch break. We applied and received Safe schools grant for covid tests, mental health support, and trauma informed leadership. Great addition to our offerings/ support. Goals are in the forefront of our work. There will be more math support for 7/8 and more resources for the team. Testing/assessment begins early in the year, and we will train teachers late August and use Easycbm as pre-screener for interventions and baseline for PAT process. PLC meetings will be scheduled to support greater oversight over all our data and academic success. Tinisha Shaw asked if there were any questions:

Leila Villaverde asked about covid tests and whether Ms. Horton assisted with that as well. Tinisha Shaw said, yes, Ms. Angela Horton came in and they collaborated on the grant and plans for implementation.

Jay Hawkins asked what would the mental health component be? Tinisha Shaw said it looked like they were going to connect us with more resources, but nothing had been promised yet in terms of funding these.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing committee meeting reports at this point.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Mask mandate continues.
2. Board member approval. Leila Villaverde asked for a motion to approve a new Board member, Dr. Carl Lashley. Roy Carter made the motion, Fred Adams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Leila Villaverde thanked our guests this evening and explained they could wait in the waiting room or leave us for the evening. Leila Villaverde asked 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. Jay Hawkins made the motion, Greg seconded. Motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:44 pm and returned to open session at 6:21 pm.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to vote on the decisions 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

Roy Carter asked how we as a school go about communicating school-related activities to families? For example, teacher appreciation or student activities? How are these approved? Leila Villaverde responded that any ideas must go through the Executive Director. Previous leadership shared things happened without approval, and this was a problem. Joanna Lower stated that we have a community collaborative that works on various initiatives set each year and approved by the Executive Director but last year she was not aware of meetings shared through school platforms. We had requested information about community collaborative meetings to be accessible on school platforms (newsletters, website, school social media), yet this did not happen. Tinisha Shaw stated that anything that disrupts academics during the school day will not be approved. The school day is for teaching/learning. Before and after school and academic enrichment are possibilities, there can be discussion. Roy Carter stated there has been confusion that has grown out of private platforms and that this is important to clearly state, that anything which is approved by the school should be communicated on the school platforms only such as the TESH newsletter, the TESH facebook page, and the TESH website. Information must be shared school-wide on these platforms so that all families are aware and included. Leila Villaverde added that we do have a calendar on our website as well and the community collaborative meetings should be posted on TESH platforms for open and accessible communication.

Jay Hawkins was recognized for his service and contributions to the TESH Board of Directors. He shared this was a "see you later" not a "good bye", that he would be working with Shavonne Oliver, the school counselor this year. He noted that the Board members were wonderful, and he learned and appreciated the opportunity. Leila Villaverde responded that we valued his work and time.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.