

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, March 14th, 2023
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom (Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

Present: Leila Villaverde, Carl Lashley, Joanna Lower, Greg Bush, Travis Laughlin, Tinisha Shaw

Guests: Beth Meyer, Erin Hill, Courtney White, Sherika Steps, Kristen Lowe, Kristen Kevorkian, Caroline Kernahan,

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm. Leila Villaverde welcome everyone and noted there were some technical difficulties for getting started a little late.

Approval of Agenda

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the agenda. Joanna Lower motioned to approve the agenda, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motioned carried unanimously.

Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve minutes from February (2nd – Emergency Meeting, 2nd – Curriculum Meeting, 14th – Board Meeting). Carl motioned to approve the minutes from February, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

There was not public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tinisha Shaw noted that she was joining with her phone because her computer was not working. She shared that this month was focused on a continuation of professional development and academic goals. She noted there was a great MTSS training last week. The FAM-S survey was completed. Results from the state will be reviewed to identify where we are and how we are defining tier level supports. Tinisha Shaw shared she had had her first “Tea with the ED” session. She discussed academic levels, growth and proficiency with families. Map assessments were completed yesterday and results were included in a report to the Board for each class including a comparison from Fall to now. Police Officer Ryals completed a safety walk with staff and shared thoughts about building safety along with some recommendations for consideration. Enrollment is going well; Angela Horton is doing a wonderful job following up with applicants and tours are being provided after school. Tinisha Shaw opened for questions.

Joanna Lower recognized that the map testing just wrapped up and indicated she had not looked closely at the data. She asked Tinisha Shaw to provide an interpretive report at the next Board meeting. Tinisha Shaw was agreeable to this request and shared that she and the Curriculum Facilitators would be looking at the data and doing Spring tutoring. She also mentioned that she attended a state testing training from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm today and would be working on getting organized for end of year testing. Joanna Lower inquired about a proposal for moving to a mask optional policy. Tinisha Shaw indicated she did not realize the Board was waiting on a proposal. Joanna Lower circled back to the Board meeting where the idea was first discussed and noted questions that were raised, particularly those raised by Carl Lashley pertaining to power dynamics related to masking. Carl Lashley concurred that we need to be prepared for how to handle a variety of circumstances related to students, families, and staff with a change of policy. It was clarified to send the proposed policy by email or a shared document.

Standing Committee Reports

There were no standing reports.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Charter amendments.

Leila Villaverde explained that there were 3 charter amendments proposed.

The first proposed amendment was P.17 Calendar. It was explained that the state changed the calendar requirements during Covid-19 so we were clarifying statute in our calendar with correction.

The second proposed amendment was P.27 Student Conduct. In reviewing policy and procedures, the change is to loop the Leadership Team into that process to provide input.

The third proposed amendment was P.27 Student Conduct. This was a minor re-ordering of the policies for legibility which was done at the school-level but, needed to also be reflected in the charter.

Leila Villaverde shared she has been in conversation with the state about these and the process for submitting following the vote. Leila Villaverde asked for a motion to approve the proposed charter amendments. Joanna Lower motioned to approve the charter amendments shared, Travis Laughlin seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Leila Villaverde noted that we would be reviewing and voting on a second calendar draft next month for the 23-24 school year. She shared some changes were being made with professional development days based on feedback from several folks.

Announcements

Joanna Lower shared that the Spring Swag Sale was launching this week and would be in House Newsletters. The student design was inspired by combining the design of 5 student submissions also to be shared in House Newsletters.

Tinisha Shaw shared that a link for yearbook orders would be going out this week. Leila Villaverde added that 7/8 students were central to creating the yearbook in a class lead by Ms. Steedman so, the yearbook is a product of student work.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn. Travis Laughlin motioned to adjourn, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Leila Villaverde thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm.