

Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors
The Experiential School of Greensboro
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023
5:30pm
Virtual/Zoom (Meeting ID: 856 6568 3740, Passcode: 222690)

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

Guests: Beth Meyer, Kristen Lowe, Kristen Kevorkian, iphone, Caroline Kernahan

Leila Villaverde called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to approve the March minutes. Greg Bush motioned to approve the March minutes, Carl Lashley seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report from Executive Director

Tinisha Shaw reported on enrollment and LotterEase for 23-24 school year. She indicated that Ms. Horton has been reaching out to families that have not yet completed the intent to return form. She noted that we had received 79 records from LotterEase and 8 were pending, yielding 82 new students for 23-24.

Tinisha Shaw shared that she and the Curriculum Facilitators have looked at calendar and are putting in other important dates such as leadership team meetings, testing per trimester, trimester reports, parent orientation and open house, curriculum nights include one focused on arts showcases, parent-teacher conferences, student-led conferences, sit team meetings, staff meeting dates, and celebrations and traditions such as the 8th grade dance.

Ms. Horton is meeting with the NC Department of Safety about adding panic buttons to classrooms at no cost to the school. She is scheduling a meeting with a representative to learn more about the system and how it works. The button would call 911, staff and administration at the same time of an emergency situation. Ms. Horton also completed training on May 1 & 2 for application tracking and onboarding of new staff. Once she has more information, she will share that with the Board. Tinisha Shaw shared she had a couple of PD updates from the previous Board meeting regarding options for Responsive Classroom and Experiential Institute. She also

spoke to the state MTSS Training Opportunity from the Department of Public Instruction, Integrated Academic and Behavior Systems. Because TESS has completed the Fam S, we were selected to participate in one of 3 options (core level, supplemental, or intensive level). Tinisha Shaw indicated she is hoping TESS gets chosen for the supplemental level and emails about which program we are invited to participate in will be sent next week, and then we indicate if we are able to commit.

Tinisha Shaw indicated she has been working on preparations for end of year testing, End of Grade (EOG) tutorials are in session, K-2 map assessments are occurring now, 3-8 Map assessments will occur following EOG testing. She has been working on test plans and test materials.

Carl Lashley asked where the student support projects were housed withing DPI. Tinisha Shaw responded within the MTSS office, Ashley Springs is the Regional Consultant with Integrated Academic and Behavior Systems. Carl Lashley shared that that office was well established, and he was glad TESS applied.

Joanna asked about balance between the testing emphasis and keeping test anxiety down. Tinisha Shaw indicated that testing is part of her role and that she is not putting the stress of that on anyone else. She said teachers are being balanced when doing their lessons, it's not just about EOG questions, but thinking about skills, making sure we are prepared, and trying to get done as early as possible so we don't have to wait to the last minute, those SEL are always acknowledged through morning meeting and those are being addressed.

Joanna Lower asked about plans from the school counselor or calming strategies shared in Houses. Tinisha Shaw shared that Ms. Oliver was putting together EOG care packages and that the teachers may be working on some of those things, but she was not aware. What she was aware of is the care packages and focus on what students can do on campus without a lot of movement or money, after testing, that is engaging.

Standing Committee Reports

- Finance Committee report

Greg Bush reported that the Finance Committee met and focused on balancing the budget for the remainder of the year and looked at opportunities for next year and places we want to focus on. Leila Villaverde added that following the internal audits we can make decisions about the professional development for next year.

Old Business

1. Crisis Plan

Leila Villaverde asked Tinisha Shaw about the revised Crisis Plan. Tinisha Shaw shared that she sent what she had, the original file and the file that she revised, and there was nothing to add. Joanna Lower asked if we are being asked to compare page by page or have changes been highlighted? Leila Villaverde suggested we go back to correspondence and that we would table for next month.

New Business

1. Leila Villaverde called 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. Greg Bush motioned to go into closed session, Roy Carter seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. We entered closed session at 5:57 pm and returned to open session at 7:42 pm.

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to vote on personnel decisions made during closed session. Travis Laughlin motioned to approve the personnel decisions during closed session, Greg Bush seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

- The 8th grade celebration is scheduled for June 8th. EOGs happen the week prior and then wrapping up the school year.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation is this week – coffee truck came Monday, ice cream truck tomorrow, there is a school supply collection, appreciation notes, and other things planned to make our folks feel important, different things going on all week long.

Adjourn

Leila Villaverde called for a motion to adjourn, Roy Carter motioned to adjourn, Joanna Lower seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Leila Villaverde adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.