

## **Namaste Charter School Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Sept 19, 2017**

Present: Jim Scott, Jim O'Toole, Julie Clauer, Cathy Calhoun, Doug Vahey (phone), Allison Lehmann, Allison Slade, Natalie Neris

Absent: Michel Mahaffey, Eric Lorge

Guests: none

Calhoun called meeting to order at 5:44 pm

Vahey made motion to approve minutes from August meeting, Calhoun second. Approved.

#### **State of school** (Discussion -- Natalie) -- 15 mins

- Natalie gave update on state of school, including...
  - Increased parent involvement
  - Enrollment (484)
  - SQRP
    - Attendance update (goal = 96%)
    - Growth percentiles & attainment percentiles by grade
    - 5Essentials
    - Focus areas: growth in math & reading; attendance

#### **HoS/ED Goals Framework** (Discussion -- Doug) -- 25 mins

- Academic achievement
  - Reading growth percentile
  - Math growth percentile
  - Attendance
- Students
  - Student recruitment & retention
- Alumni
  - Alumni data collection
- Health & wellness
  - Social-emotional learning
- Staff
  - Staff culture
  - Teacher quality
- Financials
  - Break-even budget

- Fundraising

**Finance** (Discussion -- Jim) -- 15 mins

- Reviewed final FY2017 budget; met or exceeded all metrics
- Capital budget: installing new windows in the building; installed new wrought iron fence in back of school

Pre-Audit FY17 Close

**Development** (Discussion -- Allison S) -- 30 mins

- Total development goal FY2018 = \$665,000
- Upcoming event: Casino Night
- Updates on grant revenue
- Upcoming focus areas -- EOY appeal, major gift outreach, potential spring "luncheon"

**OMA/FOIA** (Discussion -- Doug) -- 5 mins

- Vahey confirmed Neris will be FOIA representative and OMA training completed by Doug, Julie, Jim S, Allison S, Cathy, Natalie

**Board Recruitment** (Discussion -- Cathy) -- 15 mins

- Recruitment approach:
  - Corporate presence
  - Close skill gaps
  - Increase diversity

**Closing items**

Voted to adjourn meeting at 7:59. Kathy moved and Allison Slade seconded.