

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 5:30 PM

Weber Shandwick

875 North Michigan, Suite 2400

Chicago, IL 60611

Attendees:

Jim Scott, Allison Lehman (by phone), Allison Slade, Jim O'Toole, Doug Vahey (by phone), Natalie Neris, Cathy Calhoun, Julie Saliba, Eric Lorge

Absent:

Michel Mahaffey

Guests:

Maia Golley, Kyra Mercano

Agenda

I) Opening Items 5:30pm – 5:40 pm

A) Call Meeting to Order-Cathy Calhoun at 5:39

B) Approve Minutes-Cathy Calhoun.

Jim made motion to approve minutes with Myrna's last name spelled correctly. Julie seconded. Motion passed. Very good Namaste in Action breakfast—potential for new Bd. Members and fundraising.

II) Public Comment 5:40pm– 6:00pm:

None

III) State of School-Natalie Neris 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Need to educate parents about student absenteeism (e.g. going on trips). Teacher retention looks good. Budget looks good. School Review identified 3 needs: get back to basics of Namaste, collaborative practices as a unifying theory of change, Execution and accountability for all. Laying groundwork for more collaboration. Natalie introduced new vision and purpose statements, after collaborating with staff.

A) Namaste Vision Update Vote Required

Board advises to make vision/purpose as differentiating as possible. Natalie may revisit "purpose" wording. Natalie proposes moving from 6 pillars to 4 and there was discussion about a new visual that better expresses the 4 pillars. Purpose statement will be revisited. The Board Chair decided that matter did not need a vote.

B) School Review Update

See above.

IV) HOS Goals/Review-Doug Vahey/Natalie Neris 7:00 –7:15pm
See below “Governance Update”

V) Finance Update-Eric Lorge/Jim Scott 7:15pm– 7:30pm

A) YTD Financials

B) FY19 Budget Review

Conceptual budget ideas for 2019. Must target to meet CPS metrics. A solid plan will come together shortly. State took over CPS special ed department. Implications unknown.

C) Bond Refinancing Vote Required

Moved to vote on the Bond Refinancing resolution. Julie moved. Jim O seconded. The motion passed with all “yea” votes. Pay off bond 2.5m with 1.5m cash and refinance remaining 1m on 7 year loan. Jim will send resolution. See separate doc in Google Drive.

VI) Development Update-Allison Slade 7:30pm – 7:50pm

Currently at 405k on goal of 665k.

VII) Governance Update-Doug Vahey 7:50pm – 8:10pm

Michel and Doug will recommend HoS Eval process to Governance committee in June.

VIII) Closed Session-Cathy Calhoun 8:10pm – 8:30pm

A) Vote to go in to closed session

Allison Slade moved to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters. Eric seconded. The motion passed.

B) Collective Bargaining Matters

C) Vote to exit closed session

Cathy moved to exit closed session. Julie seconded. The motion passed.

IX) Vote on Matters Discussed in Closed Session (if necessary)-Cathy Calhoun 8:30pm

X) Other Business

None

A) Closing Items--Cathy Calhoun 8:35pm

B) Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm