

Etoile Academy Board Meeting
April 16, 2019

Start: 6:04 p.m. End: 7:57 p.m.

Present:

Richard Baker, Kevin Hardaway, Emmanuel Enriquez, Michelle He, Alim Adatia, Tabinda Ghani, Kayleigh Colombero (ex-officio)

Quorum met: Yes

Guests: None

Public Comments: None stated

Previous Meeting Minutes

February 2019 meeting minutes were read. Minutes were approved.

Moved: Alim Adatia Seconded: Kevin Hardaway

Vote: 6-0-0. Approved

March 2019 meeting minutes were read. Minutes were approved.

Moved: Emmanuel Enriquez Seconded: Michelle He

Vote: 6-0-0. Approved

School Director Update:

- Science benchmark progress is excellent. November benchmark had 16% passing, last month benchmark had 52% passing. The goal is to reach 60% passing or higher before the test in May.
- Current enrollment at 70 (71 expected tomorrow)
- ELA and Math passing at 60% and 70% respectively during last benchmark. STAAR testing for ELA and Math has already occurred last week.
- Progress is ongoing with improving math curriculum alignment with TEKS alignment while maintaining rigorousness of curriculum.
- School times changing in 2019-2020 to doors open at 7:30, class starts at 8:00, dismissal at 4:00, after-school program ends at 5:30
- All staff are expected to return, two new staff will need to be hired for 6th grade teacher positions
- NIFA funding was awarded, but less than expected due to volume of groups that were accepted (\$14,000)
- Draft of FY19-20 budget is being finalized. Budget will be discussed this month, will need to be approved in May.
- 59 students have accepted seats for next year.

Committee Reports:

Finance

- Cadence Bank cash on hand is \$105,876.17. 38 days cash on hand
- Review of FY19-20 budget later in this meeting
- Start-up grant will be done by the end of this week
- Currently searching for an auditor, one option proposed by Southwest Schools, another by Paul Morrissey, and one last by Charlotte Harris.
- Finance committee will move forward with obtaining bids from these three auditors and will present bids to board in upcoming meeting.

Governance

- No meeting this month
- Work ongoing on action items

Academic Achievement

- No meeting this month
- Work ongoing on action items

Facilities

- 6th grade space is expected to be completed and ready for occupation by July 1st
- Demolition expected to start next week pending a permit

Resource Development

- We have received \$49,000 in federal grants and \$90,000 in private grants
- Board giving is currently at \$5,500; \$30,000 is goal for the fiscal year ending on June 30
- There are \$2,140 in outstanding board pledges
- Impact tours scheduled for donors on Wednesday, April 24th and Thursday, May 9th at 9am. After the tour, staff will ask donors to continue supporting and/or start supporting the school's cause.

OLD BUSINESS

- Board attendance and committee calls have been waning. Meetings are important and attendance helps with passing resolutions and keeping morale high, which is essential with helping tasks that are important to the school.
- If a board member misses three consecutive meetings, he/she may be subject to removal by vote from the rest of the board. Please ensure board attendance is kept as constant as possible, since this is something everyone committed to when they signed up to volunteer as a board meeting.

- Board retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 9AM-2PM. An agenda will be sent out before the day of the event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Charter FIRST review is held at the end of the fiscal year. There are 21 indicators that are reviewed and determine whether a school passes or fails the review. The first five indicators are straight pass/fail parameters, while the other 16 provide points on a scale based on level of competence from base parameters.
- FY19-20 budget was presented to the board members present. Food expenditures projected to be \$148,317. Instructional expenses projected to be \$498,524. Transportation expenses have been budgeted at \$72,193; a bit more will be needed to hire two full buses. General operation monies to be received from the state expected to be \$1,476,723. Full budget expenditures are expected at \$1,516,723. Budget will be adjusted and approved in the May board meeting.
- Board committees will check-in and work on next steps for action items at the upcoming board retreat.

Motion to Adjourn: Tabinda Ghani

Seconded to Adjourn: Richard Baker

Vote: 6-0-0. Approved

Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.