

*Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 13th, 2019
5:40 pm - 7:00 pm*

Board Members Present: Susan Briggs, Edwin Farrow, Dexter Upshaw, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Leticia Sepulveda , Albertha Brown, Corey Sneed

Board Members Absent: Michelle Garcia, Christiana Otuwa

Foundation Members Present: Michael Duffy, Lauren Perkins, Josh Thomases

Guests: Gary Flocco (CORE), Nick Matarazzo (CORE), John Treschitta (CORE), Michelle Rago (Cross Key)

GO-BPT Staff: Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice, Jasmine Cruz, Adrienne Eckman

Called to order at 5:28 pm by Susan Briggs

Review of Minutes from January Meeting (Susan Briggs)

- Motion to approve minutes by Leticia Sepulveda Second by Albertha Brown.

Principal Report (John Scalice)

- OSS is still lower than this time last year.
- John noted that we were invited to be a part of a State discussion on positive school culture based on low suspension numbers.
- John informed the board that Mid-Year reviews are underway.

Governance Committee (Susan Briggs)

- Susan noted that all of the required documents for the Charter renewal have been submitted.
- Susan noted revisions made to Fiscal Policy and Employee Handbook and that the CSDE was happy with the changes.
- Motion to approve the conflict of interest and anti-nepotism policy moved by Ed Farrow second by Pamela Fraser-Abder.
- Motion to approve bylaws moved by Ed Farrow second by Albertha Brown passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve changes made to Employee Handbook by Pam second Albertha Brown passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve changes made to Fiscal Policy moved by Leticia Sepulveda second by Corey Sneed passed unanimously.

- Motion to Authorize Susan to sign charter agreement moved by Albertha Brown second by Dexter Upshaw passed unanimously.

Academic Excellence Committee (Josh Thomases)

- Josh Thomases shared the School Leader evaluation tool and noted the document makes it clear that the decision to hire or terminate the school leader is entirely at the discretion of the board.
- Josh noted working on data systems that will eventually allow the board to see data in real time.
- Motion to approve the leadership evaluation rubric made by Corey Sneed second by Ed Farrow passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report (Corey Sneed)

- Lauren noted cash picture for the school is strong, and we anticipate additional funding in the Spring.
- Lauren shared projected anticipated surplus of funds at the end of the year.
- Lauren shared dashboard with Fundraising Goals and Josh noted a priority of the use of funding from the Barr Foundation is another position on the Leadership team which will give John more room to plan.
- Josh noted if we do well with planning and use of grant we will be invited to reapply for Barr Foundation Grant.
- Lauren noted issued RFP for new auditing firm, we have received two and expected a few more to be submitted.
- Corey noted the release of funding from Blue Hub requires additional signer and we will vote to have Corey be the additional signer.
- Motion to approve January budget moved by Albertha second by Ed Farrow passed unanimously.

Community Engagement Committee (Dexter Upshaw)

- Dexter noted community strategic plan for parent engagement and wrap around needs for students and parents.
- At the next community engagement meeting committee will draft a plan to present to the board.

Facilities Report (New Location CORE Team)

- Nick noted the completion of construction on school is a priority over tutor housing.
- Gary noted historic windows in building and because of the type of funding we have need approval for install which may cause a slight delay.
- All framing is complete and still tracking for end of July and Tutor Housing 2 weeks later.
- CORE team noted that school plans were already approved by the city, and should not affect Certificate of Occupancy.

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Farrow second by Pam.