



Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1670 Benjamin Weldon Bickers Dr. SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Board Members Present:	Greg Giornelli, Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman, Cheryl Lomax, Shirley Franklin, Sean Brazier
Staff Members Present:	Mike Davis, Jonathan Tugman, Dr. Nikkita Warfield, Cara Frattasi, Nichole Stone, Barry Jones, Sherrilyn Cullins
Guest(s) Present:	Kimberly Dukes, Lindsey Davis, Kimberly Brooks, Vanessa Fletcher, Johnnie Fletcher

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m.

I. Public Comment

- a. Kimberly Dukes expressed appreciation for prompt action and enhanced processes following previous public comments

II. Approve Prior Minutes

- a. Motion made by Greg Giornelli
- b. Seconded by Shirley Franklin and carried without dissent

III. CEO Report

- a. Mike Davis, Chief Executive Officer, welcomes Nichole Stone, Chief People Officer
- b. Mike Davis, Chief Executive Officer, discussed;
 - i. the final push and the collaborative effort to maximize final weeks of the SY
 - ii. takeaways and huge organizational wins to-date such as PBSA's removal from GaDOE's Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) list
 - iii. recent reflections on the core of PBSA's mission; recognizing the growth and reinforcing the journey ahead
 - iv. plans to revitalize the organization's Strategic Plan by the end of the CY
 - v. upcoming opportunities to seek and build relationships with new donors
 - vi. unfortunate departure of Andrew Fuller, Principal of Carver STEAM
 - vii. and expressed appreciation for the achievements of Principal Fuller
 - viii. inherent opportunity to hire replacement whom can keep the momentum rolling and continue to push the envelope forward

IV. Finance Update

- a. Barry Jones, Controller, reviewed financial statements as of 2/29/24
 - i. Revenues are currently above budget by \$222K
 - ii. Operating expenses are currently below budget by \$135K
 - iii. Net deficit is currently below budget by \$535K
 - iv. Balance Sheet and Cash Position remains healthy relative to future obligations
- b. Barry Jones, Controller, presented FY25 budget draft as of 4/8/24
 - i. Revenues are projected to be \$30.4MM
 - ii. Operating expenses are projected to be \$32MM
 - iii. Net deficit is slated to be \$1.6MM
 - iv. Final draft will be presented during June 19th board of directors meeting

V. Academic Update

- a. Dr. Nikkita Warfield, Chief Academic Officer, discussed;
 - i. Georgia Milestones Assessment System data
 - ii. and emphasized the importance of establishing ambitious MAP goals
 - iii. and highlighted the academic growth and rebound following the disruptions caused by COVID-19
 - iv. Fall, Winter and Spring MAP results exceeding GaDOE's metrics and nearing PBSA's ambitious targets
 - v. Carver STEAM's Class of 2024 surpassing previous record of earned scholarships which is slated to exceed \$10MM
 - vi. upcoming Scholarship Gala at The Trolley Barn
 - vii. positive reception of Parenting with Purpose; a series of opportunities to engage and partner with Caretakers to further support scholars' academic journey
 - viii. and highlighted the positive impacts from Sherrilyn Cullins as it relates to building the relationship between PBSA and the surrounding community
 - ix. Portrait of a Graduate; a visual capturing the curriculum, instruction, and assessment practices that develop desired attributes in students
 - x. PBSA Academy; a program that provides a range of components designed to promote reading proficiency, comprehension, and vocabulary development
 - xi. Vision 2 Learn; a partnership that provides free vision screenings to students in grades K-11, beginning in May

VI. Communications Update

- a. Cara Frattasi, Chief of Staff, discussed;
 - i. current community outreach initiatives that raise the awareness and understanding of PBSA
 - ii. recent presentation during APS' April 9th board of directors meeting that showcased PBSA's unwavering commitment to offer robust enrichment and extracurricular opportunities, while leveraging flexibility and autonomy to enhance academic outcomes for scholars
 - iii. student recruitment and retention initiatives
 - iv. upcoming school tours for prospective scholars and community members

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. - Minutes taken by Barry Jones, Controller & Board Secretary