

Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Franklin, Greg Giornelli, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Cheryl Lomax
STAFF PRESENT: Karen Amos, Andrea Arroyo, Barbara Preuss
GUESTS PRESENT: None

CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:35 PM WITH A QUORUM (3 OF 4)

TOPIC: Minutes of the February 11, 2019 Board Meeting
DISCUSSION: None.
MOTION: Made by Ingrid Saunders-Jones to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes.
ACTION: Seconded by Greg Giornelli and carried without dissent.

Special Topics: None

Standing Updates:

TOPIC: Budget & Financial Update

DISCUSSION:

- Karen Amos, Chief Financial Officer, presented highlights of the FY19 financial statements through March 31, 2019. Karen reviewed budget vs actual expenditures noting PBSA is currently tracking closely with budget.
- Greg presented the FY20 Budget Draft. Our enrollment number is very conservative. There is a slight increase over prior year in salary expenditures for compensation adjustment. We are awaiting tentative adoption of Atlanta Public Schools budget in early May to finalize our revenue projections. The FY20 Budget will be presented for final approval at our June meeting.

TOPIC: Instructional Update

DISCUSSION:

- Barbara Preuss, Head of Schools, provided an update on the work Northstar Education Partners is completing in building Instructional Team playbook to strengthen and standardize practices across the Cluster. Currently groups are charged with building out lesson plans to start school year.
- Barbara discussed upcoming Teacher Professional Development scheduled to take place over the summer including FuelEd, CREATE workshops and RELAY national training held in both Denver and San Antonio.

TOPIC: Communications Update

DISCUSSION:

- Greg Giornelli, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on redesigning and rebooting all school websites to increase social media presence. The Media Specialist role will be revised to include managing the school websites.
- Greg advised there are active campaigns to get 8th graders to go to Carver STEAM Academy and campaigns to get elementary 5th graders to come to Price Middle School.

TOPIC: Community Engagement Update

DISCUSSION:

- Andrea Arroyo, Director of Community Engagement, discussed results of CEP Stepback and the decision to refocus and restructure the CEP Team to maximize programming, manage partnership relationships and focus more on development at the school level.
- For the 2019 – 2020 school year the Social Worker and Parent Liaison positions will move to the school level and the Family & Community Engagement positions will be eliminated.
- Andrea also provided a Nutrition Data Snapshot displaying number of After School Program meals served at Thomasville and Slater.

TOPIC: Chess Program Update

DISCUSSION:

- Marian Edmonds, Chess Instructor made a special presentation, informing the Board that the Price Chess Team was invited to the State Tournament by the Georgia Chess Association and they came in 6th place out of 200 middle schools. The kids are members of the US Chess Federation. Mrs. Edmonds was especially proud of this group of students that have been playing less than a year. Mrs. Edmonds advised the students would next head to Dallas, TX to compete in the Nationals. The Board congratulated Mrs. Edmonds on the success of the Chess Program.

TOPIC: Closing Comments

DISCUSSION:

- Greg polled the Board to determine preference for scheduling 2019 – 2020 Board Meetings. The Board will continue to meet every other month in the new school year.
- Greg Giornelli announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm and the Board moved into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Amos

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Chief Financial Officer