

Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022
Virtual Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Brazier, Shirley Franklin, Greg Giornelli, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman, Cheryl Lomax
STAFF PRESENT: Karen Amos, Jonathan Tugman, Dr. Nikkita Warfield
GUESTS PRESENT: Cita Cook

NOTE: This Board Meeting is being held via teleconference due to concerns regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and the related public health emergency declared at both the state and federal levels. Public notice of this meeting was posted electronically on the PBSA website.

CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:31 AM WITH A QUORUM (6 OF 6).

TOPIC: Public Comments
DISCUSSION: Ms. Cita Cook

TOPIC: Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Board Meeting
DISCUSSION: None.
MOTION: Made by Shirley Franklin to approve the August 17, 2022 minutes.
ACTION: Seconded by Dr. Cynthia Kuhlman and carried without dissent.

Standing Updates:

TOPIC: Budget & Financial Update
DISCUSSION:

- Karen Amos, Chief Financial Officer, presented highlights of the FY22 financial statements through June 30, 2022. Karen reviewed budget vs actual expenditures noting we ended the year under budget. Karen highlighted Salaries and benefits are under budget due to vacancies, use of contractors, new hire start dates, and virtual instruction learning platforms. Instruction ended the year over budget due to software costs. Professional Services are over budget due to use of contractors for Carver Leadership & Graduation Coaching, start-up costs for the school nutrition program, and NorthStar Talent initiative. Facilities is under budget due to lower-than-expected utility costs. Security & Crossing Guards are under budget due to the use of contracted security services. Overall, the expenses are under budget for the year ended June 30, 2022.

TOPIC: Instructional Update

DISCUSSION:

- Dr. Warfield, Chief Academic Officer, reviewed student achievement by presenting GMAS scores noting 3 of PBSA's 4 schools are among the most improved in APS since the partnership began in 2016. From SY18 to SY21 Carver STEAM Academy had the highest 3-year gain in graduation rate of any APS high school.
- Our instructional priorities for SY22-23 include a cohesive PK-12 instructional program, professional development & coaching, and systems of accountability.
- Our organizational priorities for SY22-23 will be to continue our talent roadmap with development and growth of teacher-leader roles and to build-put sustainable PBSA systems.

TOPIC: Student & Family Support Program Update

DISCUSSION:

- Jonathan Tugman, Chief Operation Officer, provided newly launched Nutrition Program update. Jonathan noted there has been strong participation in the program that was developed in direct response to student advocacy last school year.
- Jonathan described Carver STEAM's storytelling experience with strategy of driving a charge of action. Scholars left the experience having learned first-hand about civic leadership's role in impacting communities throughout Atlanta.

TOPIC: Forest Cove Relocation

DISCUSSION:

- Greg Giornelli, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Forest Cover relocation and announced all residents have been moved out. Greg noted there were several community and partner organizations that assisted in getting residents moved out and students settled.

TOPIC: Strategic Communication SY22-23 Plan

DISCUSSION

- Cara Frattasi, Director of Communications, presented SY22 in review and announced priorities for 2022-23. The priorities include student recruitment and retention, Teacher recruitment and retention, donor & partner engagement, showcase impact & results, and community engagement.

TOPIC: Closing Comments

DISCUSSION:

- Board Retreat will be held on October 19, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM and the Board moved into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Amos

Karen Amos, Secretary & Chief Financial Officer