



Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 25th, 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, Barry Jones, Angikita Sims, Dumaka Moultrie, Keely Sutton
Guest(s) Present:	Kim Dukes, Nesha Dobbs, John Davis, Lindsey Davis, Chrissie Gallentine

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.

I. Public Comment

- a. Kim Dukes expressed difficulties receiving support for caretakers and their children with IEPs at Slater Elementary
- b. Nesha Dobbs seconded Ms. Dukes remarks by advocating for more accessibility as it relates to scheduling IEP meetings for caretakers and their children

II. Approve Prior Minutes

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

III. Approve FY23 Audit Report

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

IV. CEO Report

- a. Mike Davis, Chief Executive Officer, discussed;
 - i. building relationships with APS' new board members
 - ii. updates and takeaways from the first half of the school year
 - iii. visiting Drew Charter School and observing their Early Learning Program
 - iv. the Executive Leadership Team's commitment to invest in talent management
 - v. expanding current partnership with Teach for America
 - vi. final stages of current search for Chief Talent Officer (CTO)
 - vii. the Executive Leadership Team's commitment to invest in early learning

- b. Mike Davis, Chief Executive Officer, highlighted;
 - i. Purpose Built Schools' (PBSA) removal from GaDOE's Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) list
 - ii. PBSA's inaugural Academic Parent Engagement meeting taking place in February
 - iii. the examination and evaluation of current Student and Family Support programs
 - iv. full-day interviews taking place in February for finalist in CTO search
 - v. PBSA's new logo and brand refresh
 - vi. the continuation of PBSA's student recruitment and retention efforts for SY 2024-25
 - vii. the positive reception received after OneCarver Block Party
 - viii. soon-to-be partnerships with Clark Atlanta University and GA State University

V. Academic Outcomes

- a. Dr. Nikkita Warfield, Chief Academic Officer, discussed;
 - i. and seconded Mike Davis' remarks regarding PBSA's removal from GaDOE's CSI list and acknowledged journey that continues ahead
 - ii. the Carver community's excitement following the OneCarver Block Party
 - iii. Delta Air Lines awarding 8 scholarships for students to attend National Flight Academy during the summer of 2024
 - iv. Leah Griffin, current Carver STEAM student, being recognized as the youngest salon owner in Metro-Atlanta
 - v. Slater Elementary being recognized by GaDOE as a SY 2023-24 Literacy Leader
 - vi. Price Middle recently receiving the Outstanding GO Team Award from APS
 - vii. Carver STEAM's graduation rate increasing to 80%
 - viii. Carver STEAM's Class of 2023 surpassing previous record of earned scholarships
 - ix. and provided promising ELA and Math data from the first half of the school year
 - x. upcoming Advanced Pathway programs for students in grades 5-10

VI. Approve FY24 Budget Amendment

- a. Motion made by Greg Giornelli
- b. Seconded by Cheryl Lomax and carried without dissent

VII. Finance Update

- a. Barry Jones, Controller, provided financial updates as of 12/31/23
 - i. Revenues are currently above budget by \$690K
 - ii. Operating expenses are currently below budget by \$200K
 - iii. Net deficit is currently below budget by \$1.1MM
 - iv. Balance Sheet and Cash Position remains healthy relative to future obligations

VIII. Communications Update

- a. Cara Frattasi, Chief of Staff, discussed;
 - i. new logo and school-based co-branded logos
 - ii. new domain name (<https://pbsatl.org/>)
 - iii. refreshed brand implementation and social media campaign
 - iv. fall communication and marketing outcomes
 - v. strategy development and implementation for student and staff recruitment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m. - Minutes taken by Barry Jones, Controller & Board Secretary