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February Board Meeting Minutes of LIFE Prep

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021

Time: 5:00-6:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members in attendance: Christine Obermueller, Kelsey Nelson, Nou Yang, Christyna Sherrod, Leah Jones, Katie Schlosser, Lorna Alma, Dawn Jenkins, Garth Kirkham

Agenda: called to order at 5:09 by Nou Yang

1. Consent Items:
 - Review/approve agenda
 - Christine motions
 - Katie seconds
 - Review/approve minutes
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 - Christine seconds
1. School logo - presentation by Garth on options, to be approved at a later date
 - Open book, love of learning, core values
 - Looked at 3 different designs- gave feedback of each and where we would like to see it go next.
 - PDFs will be sent out by next week with follow up designs
 - Would like to approve by next board meeting
2. Authorizer Communication – (The Guild)
 - None
3. Executive Committee Report – Nou
 - Discussed the logo change
 - Discussed putting together materials for onboarding new board members
 - Discussed learning model for rest of the school year
 - Surveyed families and staff re: coming back or continuing distance learning
 - 60% of families preferred distance learning
 - Those favoring in-person learning still have health and safety questions, class sizes, bussing logistics/cleaning, how will distance be maintained
 - Staff willing to return but concerns regarding ventilation, specialists and getting the second vaccine
 - Cannot make changes to the building
 - Have not received the additional \$400,000 in funding
 - Consistency is important to our families
 - School will look very different in-person going forward and time will be needed to transition students back
 - Recommend continuing with distance learning for the remainder of the year

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- Video will be sent out to families regarding decision this week
- 4. Policy Committee Report – Christine
 - Rename (number) the policies and make sure all are in PDF form.
 - Update the website with all of our current policies.
 - Cross-reference/compare our list with lists from other schools to see what additional policies we might need.
- 5. Finance Committee Report – Katie
 - ESSER funding- still unknown when that will be received (\$400,000)
 - CRS funds- still unknown when that will be received as well
 - Discussed potential options with funds:
 - Hiring back specialists
 - Curriculum
 - Smart boards/ promethean boards
 - Addressing learning loss
 - Discussed remaining City Connects funds
 - Numbers are healthy
- 6. Executive Director’s Report – Leah
 - Current enrollment is 222
 - Attendance has averaged in the 81.24%- Goal is 85%
 - Distance learning- parent survey results, staff survey results, funds, building space and ventilation
 - Interviewing candidates for school counselor intern and social work intern-10 week agreement
 - Racial end equity forum- 23 staff member attended
 - No change in staffing
 - Board Training has been scheduled
 - New logo being created
 - Need to approve learning model
- 7. Other Business
 - Review learning model - Leah, Executive Committee
 - Reviewed during executive committee report
 - Goal Review

Goal 1 - MCA Academic Achievement-Proficiency, Mathematics: All students in grades three through six will increase their overall math proficiency (meeting or exceeding) from the baseline of 34.6% to 46.09% in FY23. This equates to a 10% annual increase.

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- Discussed possibility of even taking MCA tests this year
- Will continue to keep up-to-date on MDE requirements

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- Test will still be able to be taken this year
- Unsure exactly how this will look
- Will revisit this goal again in April when updates/decisions have been made

8. Public Communication to the Board

- None

9. Board Actions

- Approve Check Register for January
 - Christine motions
 - Katie seconds
- Approve learning model for remainder of 2020-21 school year
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10. Adjournment adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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