

DeKalb Preparatory Academy

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

6:42-8:10pm

All Current Board Members were present with exception of Nicole Thompson:

- 1) Roll call completed/Quorum satisfied
- 2) Agenda was **approved**
- 3) Minutes from August 23 & September 9 meetings were **accepted**
- 4) HOS Update (enrollment/test results): Current student enrollment is 496; Total number of current staff is 53, Special Ed Parent Assistant and ESOL teacher positions were added and filled; Students in grades K-8 were MAP assessment tested in reading and math. Outcome data along with data from 2015-16 GA Milestone test will be used to identify students that will qualify for Early Intervention Program (EIP) services; 13 teachers in were trained in Scholastic Reading on reading strategies for novice readers; Two "Curriculum Nights" were hosted for parents of elementary and middle school scholar parents in September to broaden their understanding of MAP assessment and Infinite Campus and access. **HOS update was unanimously accepted by the Board**
- 5) Financial Report presented by Mr. Hester and Ms. Wilhite: As of August 31 YTD actual revenues was \$777,042.15, total budget was \$5,067,785.00, total expenses were \$569,607.18 and total surplus was \$207,434.97. The independent audit completed by Morison KSi, Inc. of June 30, 2015 & 2016 financial statements was discussed. **The Financial and Audit Reports were unanimously accepted by the Board**
- 6) Governance Committee: Tanya Harris, a parent has applied for a seat on the Board, she will be interviewed within the next two weeks. **Accepted Unanimously**
- 7) Development Committee: November fundraising roller skating event is being discussed. **Accepted Unanimously**
- 8) Academic Committee: The committee analyzed the Fall MAP assessment. DPA's Mean reading and math mean Rausch Unit (RIT) scores were generally close to national averages (Grade 2 Reading and Grade 7 Math exceeded) and provided a

good understanding of where students are and what teacher development needs to focus on to strengthen student learning. **Accepted Unanimously**

- 9) DPA Re-Authorization Update: The Board voted unanimously to request a two Year extension of the current contract with the County School Board to allow for more data to be collected under the current academic and organizational structure prior to applying for the 5 year Re-Authorization.
- 10) Old Business: Representatives from the District Charter School office have Informed DPA they will be in attendance at DPA's October Board meeting as observers.
- 11) New Business: Mr. Hester submitted a request for approval for funds to repair a Cooling tower. Mr. Hester was reminded that at least two bids must be Submitted. The Board voted to **authorize expenditures not to exceed 5K once a second vendor bid has been secured (lowest bid accepted)**

Adjourned at 8:10pm