

DeKalb Preparatory Academy

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017 | 9/26/2017 6:39 PM | Meeting called to order by Suzette Arnold

Board members In Attendance

Harry Stern, Janelle Wilhite, Beverly Cox, Suzette Arnold

Approval of Minutes/Agenda

The minutes from August were approved. The agenda was approved with adjustments requested by Mr. Estes (J.Wilhite motioned; B.Cox seconded).

Head of School (HOS) Report

The HOS provided staffing and enrollment updates. The school is working towards accreditation (AdvancEd). The school is still working on quotes for a water heater. The water pump was replaced. The football team is undefeated. The grandparent's luncheon is on 9/27 & 9/28.

Committee Reports

Finance – Ms. Wright presented financial reports. There was discussion on anomalies with the utility bills that she will research. The school is currently at 85% free & reduced lunch. The contingency account was funded with \$100,000 as previously approved by the board and the school is currently in a good cash position. Milestone testing will be 65% of all grades online this year.

Academic – Dr. Brown presented MAP data (it was noted that only 4 homerooms did not surpass national norms). Most grades exceeded growth expectations with the exception of 3rd grade. Discussion was had on intervention strategies. Staff would be getting trained on Superkids the next weekend. The school will begin partnering with Daycare centers to assist in preparation of potential students.

Development & Strategic Partnerships - Mr. Stern discussed opportunity to obtain donated instruments and a partnership with doctoral students to work with teachers. The committee will meet with Pianos for Peace on Thursday. Mr. Stern mentioned a potential opportunity to work with Challenge Island for afterschool programming. The committee is working on a "Friends of DPA" campaign as well as arranging field trips to GA tech for 6th grade. Ms. Arnold referred a grant opportunity from GCSA.

Governance – Reminded board members of upcoming training on 9/27. There are also 3 more potential parent & community board candidates. S. Arnold requested information on the next PTSO meeting.

Old Business

The IT RFQ process is almost complete. An initial meeting on reauthorization was scheduled for 10/14 at 9:30am. The curriculum review was scheduled for 9/21 at 9:30. The pro bono team raised questions about the Towers MOU concerning transportation for students. The strategic plan and facilities plan is still pending.

New Business

The Annual report and audit is due 11/1/17. October 13th was decided as the internal due date for the annual report. Ms. Wright mentioned that the school will pursue the Innovation grant and the Let's Move grant.

Community Concerns

Ms. Petersen, from DCSD, introduced herself and was in attendance to conduct a Governing Board observation.

Adjournment

Harry S. motioned to move to Executive Session @ 8:39 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.