

# DeKalb Preparatory Academy

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

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August 22, 2017 | 8/22/2017 6:30 PM | Meeting called to order by Harry Stern

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### Board members In Attendance

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Harry Stern, Roberta Walker, Jamal Mitchell, Janelle Wilhite, Beverly Cox

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### Approval of Minutes/Agenda

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The minutes from July were approved. The agenda was approved (B.Cox motioned; R.Walker seconded).

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### Head of School (HOS) Report

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The HOS provided enrollment updates. There was also discussion on facility needs—specifically a water pump. A motion was made (Harry S.), seconded (R. Walker) **and passed to repair the water pump in the amount of \$6,340.** Enrollment was down from initial estimates of 540. The HOS followed up with additional info pertaining to the Superkids reading program.

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### Committee Reports

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**Finance** – Ms. Wright presented financial reports. There was discussion that she has been working with auditors. The finance committee would like to pursue obtaining a merchant account to accept credit card payments. The HOS was asked to develop a facility plan. It was also requested that the school reviews the budget at a lower enrollment of 520. A motion was made (J. Mitchell), seconded (J.Wilhite) **and passed by the Board to approve IT the month to month vendor payments up to \$6,100 for the months of August and September.**

**Academic** – The new curriculum is still being reviewed by the board and further discussion is necessary.

**Strategic Partnerships-** The board approved merging the Strategic Partnership committee with the Development Committee. Mr. Mitchell discussed new Chamber of Commerce membership and two potential new candidates. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stern met with Georgia State and discussed potential opportunities with the Rockley Foundation.

**Governance** – Reminder board members of upcoming training on 9/27.

**Development** – Further discussion on partnership opportunities.

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### Old Business

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The IT RFQ process is almost complete. **The board voted to approve the Superkids literacy program.** The strategic plan needs to be finalized.

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### Community Concerns

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There was discussion on teacher partnerships (Mission Continues) Ideas mentioned: kindergarten butterfly garden, outdoor sensory classroom).

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### Adjournment

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