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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting

March 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Denis ORourke, Linnet Tse, Christian Bannerman, Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang, Jumaane Saunders

No Absent

Executive Director Richard Burke,

Guest: Robin Sharpe, Charmone Adams, Jose Ferrer

Welcome, and Call to Order -John Callahan welcomed and called the meeting to Order at 6:10 PM and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom. Mr. Burke introduced Jose Ferrer, our Assistant Principal for Culture, and Robin Sharpe, our SPED Director. Mr. Callahan introduced Charmone Adams, a potential Board member, and said he would talk further about him later in the meeting. Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any Questions on Consent Agenda and no one did so he accepted it and moved on.

Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. He reported that the PPP loan was forgiven, so now reported in the financials. There was a short discussion on what the money will be used for next year. Mr. Burke said that our finances are in good shape. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials. He said that he would have a draft budget for 21-22 school year in April for the Finance Committee

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke asked Mr. Ferrer to talk about his position and what he did at the school. Mr. Ferrer reminded everyone he had met many last years when we were in person, and he went on to talk about school culture, work of the Deans, and his organizing Town Halls, Advisory, and outreach to parents, etc. Mr. Ferrer answered questions, and then Mr. Burke mentioned that he had to leave, and he left the meeting.

Mr. Burke thanked Mr. Ferrer and then reviewed the Dashboard. Mr. Burke talked about Graduation, and the possibility in person may work.

Mr. Burke spoke about the efforts to get everyone vaccinated and talked about the group of our scholars coming in each day to do remote learning with our staff present.



Chairman Report –Mr. Callahan then reported the Governance Committee meeting, and Mr. Saudners added about the BOT info and training we are using. The Committee will look into Board training and a retreat this summer

Mr. Callahan then went into some of the Friends of items about the construction next year in the back yard and basement and said he and Charlotte DeWald had visited the school.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday and a Governance Committee. Mr. Callahan spoke about the Governance Committee looking into a Board Retreat and looking for new members.

Academic Committee-

Mr. Saunders used the next part of the meeting for phase two of the Academic Committee's Board Education presentaiotn. This was a review of some ideas around the Board's role in thinking about academic responsibility and governance. Mr. Saunders spent the next ½ hour reviewing scenarios of possible academic questions and the Board's actions or nonactions. Various Board members proposed answers, and the Board discussed correct actions and potential solutions related to Board responsibilities and the CEO. Mr. Saunders concluded the role-playing and Board activities, and the Board expressed positivity about the discussion.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Burke reported that nothing had progressed and expected as things opened up, we would develop a plan.

Mr. Callahan then asked Mr. Adams to talk about his background and why he wanted to join the Board. Mr. Adams reviewed his experience and answered questions.

Mr. Callahan then said there were no public members to make a statement, so he mentioned they did not need an Executive Session. Mr. Marsico moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Bannerman, and approved at 7:05 PM.

Next Meeting: April 15. 2021, 6:00 PM

John Callahan