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Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –April 27th, 2021

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Lindsay Matovich, Angie Brice Thomas, Shawn Jenkins, Nekeisha Afful, Reshma Patel, Lola Adedokun

ESI Board: Morty Ballen, Brian Coad, Jana Reed, Lizz Pawlson

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Rachel Modica Russell, Ashley Dickens, Karen Francois, LaKiesha George, Kyonne Rowe

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

ECS Approval of Minutes

Hank motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on March 23rd, 2021

Shawn seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Talent Update

Rachel Modica-Russell updated the board on the current state of openings across the network, as well as share details on recent hires. Members of the board asked questions around the current state of the teaching job market across the city and what trends the network is finding with regard to openings.

Black Excellence Termly Progress Update

Rachel Modica-Russell, Managing Director of Talent, provided an update on the network's implementation of the 5-point plan and continued work with Black Excellence. Following her update, the Membership & DEI Board Subcommittee shared an update on the application process for new board members. The board discussed the process and timeline for accepting new members, focusing on how the board would measure mission alignment with potential members.

ED/Superintendent Update

Carrie Mauer & Christina Froeb shared details from the return to hybrid instruction on April 12th. They also shared the approach to 2021-22 planning including the steps schools are taking to address unfinished teaching over the summer and the principles for planning for the next school year. Finally, they shared updates on the pilots selected for Reimagine.

Q2 ESI Finance Update

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, gave a high-level overview of the FY 22 school's budgets. The board asked questions around health benefits negotiations, potential investments for the next fiscal year, and other potential expenditures the network could take on.

Public Comment

This time is to open the floor for public comment (pertains to Explore Schools Board rules of public meeting).

No public comment at 7:20 pm