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Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes – December 15th, 2021

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Angie Brice Thomas, Shawn Jenkins, Lola Adedokun, Lindsay Matovich, Lindsay Danon, Kevin Bryant, Tiffany Curtis

ESI Board: Jana Reed, Brian Coad, Reshma Patel

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Karen Francois, Tracy Rebe

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

ECS Approval of Minutes

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on November 17th, 2021

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Board Subcommittee Updates

Two subcommittees shared updates across three items. Shawn Jenkins provided an update on the kickoff for recruiting two additional board members. Lindsay Matovich shared an overview of a project she is working on with Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, regarding our overall approach to investments and the opportunity to work with black owned institutions managing the money. Finally, Lola Adedokun shared an update on the DEI learning next steps.

ED/Superintendent Update

Carrie Mauer, Executive Director, shared an update on COVID-19, including recent case data and proactive steps the network is taking in advance of the winter break. The board discussed the network's approach to testing and the possibility of expanding the testing requirement of 10 to 20%. Christina Froeb, Superintendent, shared high level trends coming out of recent student satisfaction surveys and Carrie shared results from the family satisfaction survey. The board asked questions around how consistent the data was across schools as well as how the survey data compared to what staff observed at the beginning of the year as well. Christina then gave an overview of early planning on initiatives for the 2022-23 school year. The board asked questions about the charter renewal process and how the pandemic may impact it. Additionally, the board gave feedback on the potential shared priority for next year.

High School Placement

Jeremy Thomas, Senior Director of Special Projects, provided an overview of the high school placement process and shared early data on where our students are looking to apply. The board asked questions about how they could support the process as well as how the network looked at prep programs.

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 7:03

Executive Session

ECS Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Hank Mannix motioned to go into executive session at 7:03 pm and invited ESI board members to join

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to come out of executive session at 7:14 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm