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Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –March 22nd, 2022

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

ESI Board: Jana Reed, Morty Ballen, Reshma Patel, Brian Coad

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Tracy Rebe, Ashley Dickens, Ebony Staley, Karen Francois

Meeting called to order at 6:02

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on February 24th, 2022

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ESI Board approved the minutes from the ESI Board Meeting held on January 25th, 2022

Board Subcommittee Updates

Jana Reed, representing the CEO Search Committee, announced the ESI- and school-based members of the CEO Search Committee, including: Kafilat Hassan, 2nd grade teacher at Excel Lower, Karen Hicks, principal at Explore Upper, and Tracy Rebe, assistant superintendent at ESI. Jana also shared an update on the interview process and development of the competencies for evaluating candidates. The DEI, Membership, & Governance subcommittee provided an update on next steps for board member recruitment and school walkthroughs.

ED/Superintendent Update

Christina Froeb, Superintendent, shared an update on K–8 ELA assessment data and how Explore students did compared to national averages and peer groups. Carrie Mauer, Executive Director, shared details on recent policy shifts related to COVID-19, including the lifting of the mask mandate.

Board members asked about what impacted the K–2 data and helped Explore outperform the national averages. The board also discussed historic multiple choice assessment data in ELA and the network is expecting to perform on the 2022 ELA state test.

The board discussed how the community was responding to the lifting of the mask mandate

Finance Update

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, shared an update on both the ECS and ESI Board Q2 financials.

The board asked about student enrollment trends and the impact on revenue forecast. The board also discussed the possibility of additional costs related to supporting staff and student mental health.

Public Comment

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

Public comment ended at 6:44 pm

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 6:44 pm and invited ESI board members, Carrie, and Christina 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 7:08 pm.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm