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Explore Charter Schools Board Meeting Minutes –April 12nd, 2022

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

Absent: Lindsay Matovich

ESI Board: Jana Reed, Reshma Patel, Brian Coad

Absent: Morty Ballen

Other Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Jeremy Thomas, Ashley Dickens, Ebony Staley

Meeting called to order at 6:01

Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on March 22nd, 2022

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Board Subcommittee Updates

Subcommittees of the Board shared various updates. First, members of the CEO Search Committee shared an update on the interview process and development of the competencies for evaluating candidates. The committee continues to review and identify ways to incorporate community voice and engagement with the process. The DEI, Membership, & Governance subcommittee provided an update on next steps for board member recruitment, including coordinating candidate visits to schools. The subcommittee also shared a quick update on the next DEI retreat for Board members. Finally, Board members shared high-level reflections from recent school walk throughs.

ED/Superintendent Update

Carrie Mauer, Executive Director, shared an update on the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and the policy changes adapted by the network in response. Board members discussed observations during visits how many students and staff continued to mask even when it is optional. Carrie then shared a recap on the kindergarten lottery and provided an update on the current enrollment figures across the network. The Board discussed branding and marketing strategies and what the network could do to refresh materials. Board members also asked about community center outreach and connections the network is making with local daycares. Christina Froeb, Superintendent, shared an overview of term 3 student related data including recent assessment data, suspension data, and attendance data. The Board discussed the impact of shifting the network's assessment policy on standardized testing preparation. On suspension data, the Board asked about school-specific trends when comparing the 18-19 and 21-22 school years.

Finance Update

Ashley Dickens, Managing Director of Finance, shared a preview of the FY 23 budget. The Board discussed the projected deficit and longer-term investments and whether they are conservative enough given enrollment projections. At the May meeting, the network will present a detailed proposal for the FY 23 budget.

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 6:57 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.

Lola Adedokun motioned to go into executive session at 6:57 pm and invited ESI board members, Carrie, and Christina to join

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Lola Adedokun 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

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