

Members Present: No in-person participation due to COVID-19 restrictions

Members Present (Zoom video): Mr. Ed Hubbard, Mr. Ben Costa, Ms. Erica King, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Ardian Hasko, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Ayisha Devonish

Members Present (phone): none

Members Absent:

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Ed Hubbard opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Development Update

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board development efforts. ECS is submitting for both a Sexauer and a Hyde & Watson grant this year, with higher asks than in previous years due to increased technology needs. ECS is finalizing a spring video, focused on the 5 year renewal, elementary expansion, navigating the current crisis, and other school updates. Option to donate will be included. New SOP is being reviewed for alumni outreach.

Finance Report

Ms. Sasha Richiez, Finance Manager, reviewed the March finances and discussions from the April 24, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Gabriel Park, CFO, reported that a recent 401K audit by MBAF (required for the first time due to total asset size) was clean. Draft budget for next year will be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting on Friday, May 22, 2020.

Governance Update

Ms. Franco updated the board on a new potential board member, who observed the meeting. The Real Estate Committee will be meeting for the first time next week, discussing the real estate options around elementary school expansion.

Academic Accountability Update

Ms. Amada Huza updated the board as to the MS grading and promotion policy for remote learning. Mr. Favol Philemy updated the board as to the HS grading and promotion policy for remote learning. Ms. Jocelyn Kelly updated the board on an organization-wide initiative to develop strong classroom culture – Equality will be adopting the Teach Like a Champion approach for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Franco updated the board that ESC has a tech support partner that is now handling all tech support issues, including shipping of technology to families. Additional chromebooks have been purchased so that all scholars who need a computer at home have one (1-week turnaround for new issues as they come up). By September every student will have an ECS chromebook. She also updated that the school is on track to meet internal goals for both SWD and ELL enrollment for next year.

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Adjournment

There was then a motion and approval for the meeting to adjourn.


Signature _____ Date 5/27/20