



ECS Board Meeting, April 12, 2021

Called to Order - 6:30pm

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

Members Present (Zoom video): Mr. Ed Hubbard, Mr. Ardian Hasko, Ms. Erika King, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Mr. Ben Crosta, Mr. Edison Bardowell

Members Present (phone): none

Members Absent: Ms. Palak Forbes, Ms. Roberta Osorio, Ms. Ayisha Devonish

Meeting Called to Order

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

Real Estate Update

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on the term sheet negotiation for Blessed Sacrament (1170 Beach Ave., The Bronx, NY 10472).

The Finance Committee reviewed the initial financial projections and a resolution was called for to allow the Real Estate Committee to negotiate the lease on behalf of the board.

Resolution:

The Board resolves that the Real Estate Committee is authorized to negotiate the lease for Blessed Sacrament on behalf of Equality Charter School, with execution of the lease to be approved by the full board.

Mr. Edison Bardowell moved to approve the resolution, with Mr. Ben Crosta seconding. All approved, no one opposed.

Development Update

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board on this month's development efforts, including the successful securing of a grant from the Brown Rudnick charitable foundation, as well as the scheduling of the virtual spring fundraiser event to be held at 7pm on May 20, 2021.

Finance Report

Mr. Gabriel Park reviewed the February finance report and discussions from the March 26, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Academic Accountability Update

Ms. Amanda Huza discussed updates for the middle school state exams. She does not expect any scholars to opt in for in-person taking of the state exams (any remote learning scholars are not required to come in and test). Ms. Huza and Ms. Joclyn Kelly also discussed how ECS is evaluating scholar progress given the dearth of standardized tests due to COVID restrictions. The middle school remained open throughout March and approximately 14 promotion-in-doubt scholars who are in jeopardy of being retained will be brought back to the building beginning the week of April 19, 2021.

Mr. Favrol Philemy updated the board on high school state exams and graduation requirements. Regents exams will not be required by the state this year and, therefore, are not being required by ECS.

Ms. Kelly updated the board that the Q&A webinar about the COVID vaccine has been tentatively set for April 21, 2021.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned – 7:29pm



Signature

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Date