



ECS Board Meeting, December 14, 2020

Called to Order - 6:30pm

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

Members Present (Zoom video): Mr. Ed Hubbard, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Ardian Hasko, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Erica King, Ms. Roberta Osorio, Mr. Ben Costa, Ms. Palak Forbes, Mr. Edison Bardowell

Members Present (phone): none

Members Absent: Ms. Ayisha Devonish

Meeting Called to Order

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

Development Update

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board on this month's development efforts. The \$15,000 Annual Appeal goal was reached and, for the first time, an alumnus of ECS donated.

Governance Update

Ms. Benway updated the board on the middle school safety plan, to be publicly posted on the ECS website, developed per DOE format and requirements. A resolution was called for to approve the plan.

Resolution:

The Board resolved to approve the district-wide school safety plan, per DOE format and requirements.

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

Finance Report

Ms. Sasha Richiez, Finance Manager, reviewed the October finances and discussions from the November 20, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Real Estate Report

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on current thoughts on real estate options for the elementary school and the decision to focus on 2443 Poplar as the leading option at this point. Financial terms and risk mitigation plans are being discussed in the Real Estate Committee.

Academic Accountability Update

Ms. Amanda Huza updated the board on the Middle School Quarter 1 grades and pass rates for 2020 vs 2019. Passing rates were generally comparable for '20 vs. '19 with the exception of Grade 7, particularly for Humanities/ ELA, which were lower for the current school year. Additional support has been, and will be, focused on the 7th grade faculty, particularly Humanities/ ELA, in order to address the issue.

Mr. Favrol Philemy updated the board on the High School Trimester 2 pass rates for 2020 vs 2019. Pass rates for grades 11 and 12 stayed generally comparable, whereas Grades 9 and 10 have had more issues this year vs last, generally due, he believes, to the virtual learning environment. SWD did not have the same decline and it appears that the individualized support that those students have received has been beneficial so far. Additional PD around engagement in the virtual/ hybrid classroom for all teachers is being delivered, with particular focus around academic and non-academic support for 9th grade.

Executive Session

Board then convened an executive session.

Public Session

Board then convened in public session.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned – 7:48pm


Signature _____ Date 12/27/20