

ECS Board Meeting, March 14, 2022

Called to Order - 6:30pm

Members Present: none

Members Present (Zoom video): Mr. Ardian Hasko, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Palak Forbes, Ms. Robin Aufses, Ms. Roberta Osorio

Members Present (phone): none

Members Absent: Mr. Ed Hubbard, Ms. Erika King, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Edison Bardowell

Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Roberta Osorio opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Development Report

Ms. Megan Benway, ECS Executive Assistant, shared details for our upcoming Career Week that will be held at both our middle and high schools. Also, Ms. Megan Benway updated our board on the plans for our upcoming Spring Reception/celebration as well as updated our board on planning for our fundraising 2023 goals.

Governance Report

Ms. Caitlin Franco, ECS Executive Director, updated the board's ongoing work for Governance around Executive Compensation benchmarking and Strategic Planning. She narrowed down potential consultants and chose one to work with for each project.

Finance Report

Mr. Gabriel Park, ECS CFO, reviewed the February finances and discussions from the February 18, 2022 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 25, 2022. One resolution was presented.

Resolution 1: The Board approves updating the FPP as follows:

As of 3/14/2022, the current FPP states:

Credit [/Debit] Card Purchases

The School maintains a pre-paid credit card account in the name of the School, with cards issued to the Executive Director. The School will maintain a \$2,000 monthly credit limit.

Proposed FPP change:

Credit / Debit Card Purchases

The School maintains a pre-paid debit card account in the name of the School, with cards issued to the Executive Director.

The School will maintain a \$5,000 monthly credit limit.

Ms. Robin Aufses motioned to approve the resolution, with Mr. Jim Stringfellow seconding. All approved, no one opposed.

Academic Accountability Update

Ms. Amanda Huza, ECS MS Principal discussed Interim reports for humanities and math. Results from our 8th graders showed that the longer our students are with us at ECS, the better their grades are. As for the 7th graders, the teachers are working with the students closely to ensure that they see improvement.

Mr. Favrol Philemy, ECS HS Principal, showed the board an overview of HS Semester one grades. Results shown were from 2019 and compared to 2021 grades. Mr. Philemy also updated the board on the launch of our HS mentorship program.

The Racial Equity Committee and AdHoc Committee had previously met where the REC asked if the board can support their 3 notions:

1. Giving less priority to test results
2. Increasing our knowledge of Racial Equity in schools
3. Increasing our knowledge of Racial Equity in all settings, teacher turnover

The board then had a discussion about these topics and agreed that this was just the beginning of the conversation and that these topics would be revisited.

Ms. Gina Wright, MS Social Worker, suggested that we should promote scholars' social and emotional needs, then see if their grades improve once their mental health is being helped.

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on our current scholar vaccination numbers, changes to our mask policy and shared Covid statistics.

The board then went into Executive Session.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned – 7:25pm


