



### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Time: June 30, 2022 @ 4:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join on Zoom: Meeting ID: 810 5365 0090

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**Roll Call by Secretary:** Eric Bentson (present), Ashley Goverman (present,) Rosemary Herold (present, 4:59pm) George Hynd (present,) Bob McFerran (present,) Stephanie Sams (present), Stephanie Tecklenberg (present,) Sedric Webber (present @ 4:51pm,) Trey Zimmerman (present)

Admin: Ashley Brooks, Jean Castelli

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To provide an exceptional, evidence-based, multi-sensory education for students with dyslexia to open the gates to their academic potential in an environment that empowers students to develop a positive and socially conscious self-image.

1. Call to Order at 4:35pm by Stephanie Sams
2. Mission Statement & Roll Call by Ashley Goverman
3. Adoption of Agenda for June 30, 2022 meeting; Motion to adopt agenda 1st George Hynd; Eric Bentson 2nd; All in favor. Motion passed.
4. Adoption of Minutes for May 26, 2022, June 4, 2022 and June 15, 2022 meetings. Bob McFerran 1st; Eric Bentson 2nd.
5. Public Comments: No public comments
6. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Facilities: Summer repairs. Alarm will need to be installed and going with the most competitive rates and best services.
  - b. Working with AirPros to install and repair the new AC installed by Strayer.
  - c. The physical building will be closed 7/4 - 7/18.
7. Principal's Report

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- a. Completed 4th week in the building as the new principal.
- b. Read to Succeed summer camp has been completed. 10 were included and all but 2 were exempted. 2 students attended. Ford and Grove were the 3rd grade teachers running the camp.
- c. 2 days before camp ended, Jennifer Shuffler from SCDE, made a visit and it went very well. She enjoyed a tour of the facility including classroom observation. Shuffler was “blown away” by what she saw. She commented on the classroom environment being print rich including anchor charts and student work all over the classroom. Planning and prep was very thorough. Ford showed binders from old to new material. She found the material motivating and engaging. Targeted learning. Student and teacher engagement was great and they had an excellent rapport. Strong evidence of ongoing progress monitoring. And made incredible progress even though they had tested out. Shuffler wants to learn even more about Gates. Ashley Brooks shared that no 3rd grader will be retained.
- d. OG training scheduling in process. OG for new staff and OG to continue for our current staff to move on the new level.
- e. Per Mr. V’s last email, once we provide documentation of the appropriate staff in place (which we currently have,) once submitted, the enrollment freeze will be lifted.

#### 8. Board Chair’s Report

- a. Huge congratulations for the successful Read to Succeed camp.
- b. Amazing to receive the feedback from SCDE’s rep and the praise for our student’s progress.
- c. The Corrective Action Plan was completed and submitted on June 6th. The CIE Board decision at the appeal requiring an external auditor is in process. CIE has identified the person and the deadline to submit all the info is July 13th. Files will be submitted through Erskine to then be forwarded to the external auditor.
- d. Stephanie publicly recognizes all of the families, teachers, students, and staff that we have made it through year 1 and tomorrow starts year 2.
- e. Ashley Brooks recognizes how close the Board is to the School regarding communication and is thankful for the passion the Board shows for the mission.

#### 9. Treasurer’s Report

- a. Budget is not quite ready.
- b. Working with McKay Kiddy to finish it up and set up a special meeting solely based on budget.
- c. Keeping tabs on the gov’t fundings coming in P&I phase 2 almost \$90k. 2nd: \$200K in ESSER III should be arriving in September according to Melissa.
- d. Budget preparation is delayed for the State budget to be approved because there is a potential increase on per pupil funding related to IEPs which would impact Gates drastically.

#### 10. Fundraising Update

- a. Community partners are still in the works



- b. GFA Fundraising Chair would like a wish list for the upcoming year. Brainstorming but Ashley Brooks mentions picnic tables outside.
- c. Looking into shade for playground. Ashley G. mentioned ADA that the American Dermatology Association does have a grant that can be applied for to help cover the cost.
- d. A family offered tinting on the front windows in the spring to help with the heat.
- e. Regarding grants, we need to look into Bosch, Tanger, SC Council, Snapdragon, Volvo, Jonathan Green. Rosie is willing to talk to the teachers about grants and suggests always having a Donors Choose and Amazon Wish List created.
- f. Getting a quote on the price on installation of the sign (in storage) to show towards 526 was discussed. Changing out the other arrow signs for Strayer to Gates.

11. Executive Session; Stephanie motions to move to exec session at 5:17pm; Ashley 2nd; All in favor

· Receipt of legal advice regarding contractual matter pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

12. Possible Action Items from Executive Session 7:28 out of exec session. No votes taken.

- a. Motion that we vote to approve the attached resolution by Eric Bentson; 2nd Bob; No Discussion:
  - i. Motion passed unanimously to pass the resolution.
- a. Affirmative resolution to celebrate the success of the students of our first year to continue to cultivate a relationship with our sponsor. Apart of that collaboration we have submitted all items on the CAP in the first week of June and are working with our sponsor; therefore we withdraw our previous vote to transfer to Limestone and will continue to work with Erskine College and the Charter Institute at Erskine.

13. Adjourn Stephanie motion to adjourn at 7:34pm; 2nd George Hynd. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Goverman.

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