



# Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

## Meeting of the Board of Directors

June 25, 2019

6:30pm-8:30pm

APPROVED 9/9/19

**In Attendance:** John Leibovitz, Jeri Epstein, Rusty Wilson, Joanne Irby, Deborah Dantzler Williams, Marc Fisher, Andrea Browning, Aleta Margolis, Anika Simpson, Lucy Newton (by phone), Morris Clarke (by phone), Peter Weber (by phone)

Staff: Kate Keplinger

### **Finance Committee**

PNC loan closed, Bank of America loan bought out

Funds will be available (within 18 mos) to build out part of the basement

Next steps will include obtaining a lease extension followed by securing bonds

### **Fundraising Committee**

No updates

### **Nominating and Governance Committee**

The Committee will need a new chair.

### **School Updates**

Fewer staff transitions this year than last

Enrollment: as of this date, 493 of 496 seats filled; Lower school is at 100%, Middle

School is at 98%; 23 students in the rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> transitioned to new schools.

We are instituting a New Family Orientation for the 19-20 school year

Staff members will attend the Columbia University Teachers College Readers and

Writers Workshop, Responsive Classroom and Restorative Justice training this summer

Professional development for teaching teams will be more specific in the coming school year with a school-wide focus on instructional planning, behavior

management, social and emotional learning

The focus on prevention of suspension will include consideration of proactive measures and connecting to mental health services

**Election of Board Officers**

Treasurer – Rusty Wilson

Vice-Chair - Joanne Irby

Secretary – Andrea Browning

Chair – John Leibovitz

The full slate was approved by vote of the Board.

**Board Committees 2019-2020**

Academic Quality Committee: goal will be looking more deeply at school data (PMF and STAR in addition to school assessments BOY, MOY and EOY data)

Executive Committee: responsible for Head of School's evaluation

**Center/School Updates**

Inspired Teaching Residency will be run by and housed at the School

The School will hire Mara Duquette as manager of the Residency Program and will identify additional resources to inform plans for the future of the program

Master Teachers will continue to receive compensation for hosting a resident.

Continuing exploration of how best to support 2<sup>nd</sup> year residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.