

**ELSIE WHITLOW STOKES COMMUNITY FREEDOM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

*East End Campus 5600 East Capitol Street NE Washington, DC 20019*

**AGENDA**

Trustees Attending: Carlos Bonner, Heather Harding, Hoyt King, Erica McGrady, Ami Richardson, Jenice View

Trustee Participating by Telephone: Rodney Rice

Staff Attending: Erika Bryant, Bill Moczydlowski, Linda Moore

Board Chair Erica McGrady called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

**Financial Report**

Bill Moczydlowski presented an update of the Brookland campus energy savings. Since July 2017, the school has reduced overall operating costs of approximately \$30,000. The energy savings are a result of the facilities improvements that were done including a new boiler and roof with solar panels. A portion comes from the installation of solar panels on the roof and an SREC agreement.

Mr. Moczydlowski presented the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2019. Although a \$45,000 surplus was projected for the 2018-19 school year, we are now projecting a \$30,000 deficit. Contributing factors include: a 50% increase in special education students; enrollment of 134 rather than 140 (projected) students at East End; a five-fold increase in legal fees; the loss of one Stokes Kitchen customer.

Discussion: Hoyt King asked whether the school has accounted for all of the anticipated revenue from new special education students. Erika answered that, for students who are identified as special education students after the official count day OSSE releases funds sometimes later during the school year. However, those funds have not yet been received in full. Hoyt noted that the forecast deficit may, in fact, be reduced once the outstanding special education funds are received.

A robust discussion of the special education identification process followed.

Heather asked what the percentage of level 4 students is citywide. Erika agreed to research those numbers

## **Budget Presentation**

Assumptions:

Enrollment=350 (Brookland) and 192 (East End)

Per Pupil Allocation =\$10,685 per pupil (Brookland) 10891 (East End). The difference in allocations is due to the range of grade levels at each campus.

Per Pupil Facilities Cost= \$3263 (Brookland) \$3335 (East End)

Increases in special education levels for both campuses

Increases in aftercare income (3% at Brookland & 20% at East End)

Increases in receipts of food services fees (5% at Brookland & 20% at East End)

Increases in receipts of activity Fees (3% at Brookland & 20% at East End)

Jenice View made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Heather Harding and approved unanimously.

## **Review & Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously. Motion to approve was made by Ami Richardson and seconded by Jenice View.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Report included:

- A summary of the Public School Transparency Amendment Act of 2019 cosponsored by Councilmembers Anita Bonds, Mary Cheh, Brianne Nadeau and Elissa Silverman.
- Proposed FY2020 Education Budget that includes a 2.36% increase of the UPSFF foundation funding for 2019-2020
- The school's IB authorization visit on May 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- The East End Phase Two Facilities Plan has been modified but this summer's renovations will provide accommodations for administrative offices and the health suite.
- Recent public relations and media coverage have included a First Friday visit to the East End campus, a print piece about Stokes' environmental education activities. Stokes School was recently profiled in the Charter School Growth Fund Annual Report
- Erika Bryant will participate in a panel with the Charter School Growth Fund at the National Charter School Conference

## **Strategic Plan Update**

Linda Moore presented the final draft of the school's strategic plan for school years 2019-20 through school year 2023-24. The plan has been developed since February 2018 by a task force comprised of board members and staff and was informed by a broad group of stakeholders including, current students and alumni, current and previous parents, policymakers, advocates and community members.

The plan incorporates unfinished business from the previous strategic plan and focuses on overarching goals and resource needs.

The strategic goals are to:

1. Sustain and improve our scholars' academic, social, wellness, and social justice outcomes;
2. Strengthen internal systems and policies;
3. Expand, strengthen, and sustain our resources (human, social, and financial);
4. Increase the numbers of students and families served by the school; and
5. Enhance our position as an advocate and thought leader in urban education.

Following a review and discussion of the plan, the plan was approved unanimously. Ami Richardson provided a motion, which was seconded by Jenice View.

The official board meeting was adjourned at noon and was followed by an executive session.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019.