

## **IDEA Board of Trustees Meeting**

26 March 2020

Meeting held via UberConference due to Covid-19.

Call to order at 6:09pm with quorum reached.

### **Board members**

Calvin Snowden  
David Owens  
Tiffini Andorful  
Lakeshia Highsmith  
Joanne Fort  
Gizachew Andargeh  
Kelly Nakamoto  
Ed Dunston

### **School-based leadership**

Justin Rydstrom  
Shomari Jennings  
Nicole McCrae\*  
Nicole Seward\*  
Andrea Zimmermann\*

\*joined at approx. 7pm after parent townhall

CALVIN:

Greeting and well wishes to team and family. Commendation to faculty and staff on care and creativity of students. Situation provides an opportunity for innovation.

JUSTIN:

- Distributed computers to all students 2 weeks earlier. Began virtual learning 9 days ago.
- Highlight: some non-engaged students have actually engaged more digitally-distanced and some teachers with classroom challenges embraced virtual teaching.
- Informed board how team's day is structured and when instruction takes place. Have prioritized socio-emotional status of students.
- 90% students online, hotspots being dropped off to remaining students
- Based on survey, the team gave 4.5/5 on IDEA's COVID-19 response.
- Acknowledgment, thanks and well wishes from all to Joanne Fort who is stepping down after 8 years of service to the Board of Trustees
- Still want to give students scholarships for college and encouraged board to donate.

KELLY (Finances):

- finances looking as expected. Number of students and expenditures looks promising. Virtual learning improves budget forecasts.
- Question from Calvin: how much emergency funds will become available to the school? Will receive in April: \$108/student, money promised from deficit  
Educational Equity Fund: ordering 20 tablets wifi enabled

- Calvin: fire up fundraising activities Kelly:discretionary funds less available during this crisis
- Lower interest rates create opportunity to refinance

#### TIFFINI (Academic Excellence)

- Data from principal is prior to COVID 19.Great intervention for 9th grade on track. 9-12th grades average 80% engagement.
- Partnering with Enriched to provide virtual support to students with disabilities.
- SAT scores increased year over year
- Career and Technical Education: 17 certifications expected,25 dual enrollment:expected
- IDEA as a feeding location during COVID

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Motion to approve IDEA's CTE Strategic Plan SY19-20 through SY23-24 to present to PCSB on 3/30/20. Motion by Owens; second by Andargeh. All were in favor - unanimous decision to move forward.

Motion to approve the following resolution to discontinue partnership with the Foundation after current contract ends. Motion by Fort; second by Kelly. All were in favor - unanimous decision to move forward.

*Over the past five years, IDEA Public Charter School has appreciated the opportunity to work collaboratively with the D.C. Students Construction Trades Foundation (Foundation) board and staff to offer the Academy of Construction and Design as well as other career exposure activities and employment to our scholars. As IDEA enters a new era of Career and Technical Education for our school, we wish to acknowledge this work and seek new ways to collaborate together. Per the terms of the May 1, 2015, MOA found in Section A2, IDEA Public Charter School hereby provides notice that we do not seek to renew our agreement for another term.*

Executive Session: not necessary

Meeting adjourn at 7:30 PM

\*\*\*DRAFT ONLY\*\*\*

APPROVED ON \_\_\_\_\_