



## **Sela PCS Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 11, 2020, 6:45 pm

Location: Zoom meeting

**In attendance:** Lisa Apple, Heather Capell Bramble, Rebecca Damari, Deena Fox, Bryce Jacobs, Steve Messner, Josh Bork\*, Camerra Taliaferro\*, Yair Inspektor\* (board candidate)

\*non-voting attendee

NB: There was not a quorum, so no votes were held.

The meeting started at 6:50 pm

**Minutes:** Rebecca Damari

**Timekeeper:** Bryce Jacobs

**Agenda** (Attached as Appendix A)

### **Mission Moments:**

- Josh: The end of year car parade was well-attended and it was exciting to see everyone.
- Deena: The student videos in the moving-up ceremony were a great reflection on the school, and the comments by the teachers were touching
- Rebecca: Deena's comments in the moving-up ceremony did a great job of addressing current events and social change, and tying them into the school's mission and the great work done by the school staff

**HOS report** (Attached as Appendix B)

### Goal 1: Improve student recruitment and retention

- Goal 245. 209 fully enrolled, 36 partially enrolled, 40 on waitlist
- Partially enrolled students are across all grades, mostly in PK3-2
- Discussion of possibly capping class sizes in response to District limits on number of students in a classroom at the same time. Don't want to impose caps yet, because the District caps could change and we don't want to turn away students.
- Contingencies if we don't make 245 students: Combine 2<sup>nd</sup> grade into a single class. Other budget lines could be removed. Steve is looking at other potential changes that could be made to the budget if needed.

- Decision to do a social media/listserv blast inviting families to enroll for PreK3 and PreK4. The board will help spread the word.

#### Goal 2: Stabilize and grow staff

- Planning for math recovery due to limitations of online learning executed with limited planning opportunity.
- Giving a 3% increase for staff, mirroring the increase in the mayor's budget
- Planning for contingencies in terms of caps on number of students and teachers in a classroom. Discussion of possible changes in use of space.
- Anticipating that all staff who have been asked to return will opt to return. 3 staff were not invited to return. There will be 3 new staff next year.

#### Goal 3: Improve student achievement

- All testing cancelled this year. OSSE is trying to figure out how to approach growth scores.

#### Goal 4: Increase financial stability

- 2020-2021 budget is in finance committee, will be ready for board review in July.

#### Goal 5: Strengthen family engagement

- Good parent feedback on town hall meetings. Parents took the information presented at the meeting well.
- Board will get EOY survey results in a few weeks

#### **Board Discussions**

- 2020-2021 academic calendar: Need board feedback within the next two weeks. The school year will be 2 weeks longer than this year. Not seriously considering adding Saturday school, due to lack of interest from families and staff. Not currently considering shortening breaks. DCPS is sticking to their originally planned schedule; don't want to be too far off for families who have students in both.
- Two types of scenarios for 2020-2021: fully remote, hybrid (several options within the hybrid scenarios). Families and staff are being surveyed about their preferences. Goal: for students who are in virtual school to have the same number of hours, same experience as students in the building. Students would have the option to participate entirely from home, but that option will be discouraged except in cases of specific health concerns.
- There are guidelines but not requirements about health precautions/procedures in the Reopen DC document. The issue of indemnification if students or staff believe they have caught COVID at school has not been resolved in DC or on a national level.
- Possibility of using the first two weeks of the year to bring individual students or small groups of students into the school to meet teachers and get an introduction to school

- Virtual summer program: about 45 families have already signed up. M-F, 2 hours, June 29-July 31, \$100 for 5 weeks. 20 staff members expressed interest in participating, which is more than we are likely to need.
- Discussion of lease options will be addressed in the next finance committee meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

No committee reports this month beyond what was already submitted to the board folder.

Full Board Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm and moved into executive session