

Breakthrough Board Minutes
7/23/2020

Attendance:

Keith Whitescarver, Chair
Katie Brown, Secretary
Sara Suchman
Emily Hedin
Bonnie Gallion
David Bagnoli
Michael Bing
Vivek Swaminathan
Drew Archer--EdOps
Rachel Kimboko
Allison Jones
Emily Raskin
Katherine Park

5:05pm call to order

Opening Votes

1. Sara moved to recognize Emily Raskin as an ex-officio member of the board. Katie seconded. Unanimously approved.
2. Sara moved to approve the June 11th minutes. Keith seconded. Unanimously approved.

New Business

1. FY21 budget: City council voted today to approve the DC budget. Breakthrough's proposed budget positions us to negotiate favorable terms for our next loan and navigate uncertainty around COVID-19. Another \$128,000 in potential cuts have been identified if necessary if COVID-19 related costs are higher than anticipated. Enrollment is strong.

Sara moved to approve FY 21 budget. Vivek seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. SY20-21 Reopening Plans: Discussion and Vote: We went into the school year planning to open for in-person learning, consistent with all messaging we were receiving from the city. The Mayor's announcement on July 16th of a delay in announcing DCPS reopening plans was a surprise. Since this delay was announced, pressure for full virtual learning has been mounting--Washington Teachers Union is calling for this, surrounding school districts have opted to start virtual, as well as a number of DC charters. Breakthrough

staff are expressing heightened anxiety around reopening for in-person learning. With only 2 weeks until the summer institute, the leadership team cannot simultaneously plan for full virtual and in-person learning. The leadership team proposes a full-virtual start to the year. All Board members present voice support.

Vivek moved to adjourn. Sara seconded. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.