



Inspired Teaching Demonstration School

Board of Directors Meeting

May 3, 2021

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. ET (via Zoom)

Minutes by: Joanne Irby, Board Secretary

In attendance: John Leibovitz, Lucy Newton, Pete Weber, Rusty Wilson, Michelle Lerner, Andrea Browning, Maureen Ingram, Morris Clarke, Joanne Irby, Deborah Dantzler Williams

Absent: Aleta Margolis

Staff: Kate Keplinger

Called to Order: 5:03 pm

Welcome to Incoming Head of School

Guest: Dr. Sundai Riggins

Dr. Sundai Riggins joined the meeting and was welcomed by the Board. The current HoS, Deborah Dantzler Williams, shared their current opportunities to collaborate. Dr. Riggins shared her excitement at joining the community, and shared appreciation, during Teacher Appreciation Week, to her future colleagues at ITDS. There is a group developing an onboarding program for Dr. Riggins.

Motion to approve minutes; Seconded, Approved.

School Updates

Guests: Neoka Smith, Seth Biderman, and Dr. Shannon Kane

All 3 Principals were invited to join the meeting. Deborah shared anecdotal feedback from families on the 1 - day per week in person learning opportunities. School Leadership decided to maintain the current schedule through the end of the school year, May - June. They addressed planning around learning loss.

Dr. Shannon Kane - Spring 2021 assessments are in planning, the team has met to discuss what those will look like, and they will rely heavily on Fall assessments to inform specific plans to address learning losses resulting from COVID. iReady assessments are being scheduled, in person testing will be minimal. Supplemental assessments are and will be used for targeted groups. Fry sight words for K and 1st. In the past, summer programming has been relatively small and targeted for kids who qualify for Extended School Year (ESY) services. To scale it, they will have 50 - 60 students in the program

this coming summer, 30 - 35 students qualified through ESY (the criteria for which has been expanded) supported by staff who have expressed interest in participating. The summer program will operate from July 6 - July 30, Monday - Thursday.

Neoka Smith - Discussed social emotional programming for students, in collaboration with Ms. Hiltabidel, Director of Culture, Equity and Access.

Committee Reports

- Governance: Committee continues to work with Education Board Partners; Lucy reminded the Board of the need for additional members; Jeri Epstein has become the Chair of the ANC2 and will step down after this year. John and Morris' terms are slated to end after this year, their membership will be up for renewal at the next meeting of the Board.
- Finance and Business Oversight Committee: Draft budget will be completed in the coming weeks; Will incorporate contingencies for COVID return to school
- Academic Quality Committee: Appreciated previewing the academic performance data with school leadership last week; looking forward to data on learning loss during COVID
- Demonstration Committee: Has not met, but talked generally about a Fall 10-Year Anniversary event, will collaborate with IFA

Executive Officers: We will vote on executive officers at the June meeting. Open invitation to self-nominate or nominate a Board colleague for an officer position by sending a message to John.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:41pm