

Breakthrough Board Minutes
5/20/2021

Attendance:

Keith Whitescarver, Chair
Katie Brown, Secretary
Vivek Swaminathan
Rachel Kimboko (Note taker)
Christopher Lohse
Emily Hedin
Katherine Park
Hannah Richardson

Absent:

Emily Raskin
Sara Suchman
Dave Bagnoli
Michael Watts, EdOps

1. Call to Order: 5:08pm
2. Housekeeping Needs
 - a. Approval of April 22 minutes
 - i. Vivek moves to approve
 - ii. Katie seconds
 - iii. Ayes: Keith, Katie, Vivek, Rachel, Chris
3. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Academic
 - i. Doing PARCC practice as a readiness experiences
 - ii. Benchmark assessment (i-Ready) trial is June 9-10
 - iii. Final conferences will start shortly
 - iv. Guides will be meeting with incoming students in outdoor events
 - v. Preparing to move into one campus for the fall
 - b. Staffing
 - i. Still seeking two Lower EI guides; expanding strategies for recruiting
 - ii. Both coaches are hired, have had Coach's training and are experienced
 - c. Financial
 - i. DSR = 4.22 and 104 days of cash on hand
 - ii. DC Reopening Grant is confirmed as \$163,000 (initial estimate was \$97K less because of a conservative guess at in-person attendance)
 - d. Lottery
 - i. 46% currently re-enrolled; returning families are getting calls to remind.

- ii. 19 families have withdrawn; most because of moving
 - iii. Waitlist numbers are strong
- e. Construction
 - i. Floor to ceiling windows installed; light is great!
 - ii. Classrooms and offices are being framed out
 - iii. Drilling has begun to connect the first and second floors
 - iv. Contractors have been communicative with frequent check-ins, especially to catch potential changes or adjustments
 - v. Welcome to walk through; Emily's at Takoma Monday-Tuesday, Hannah on Thursday-Friday afternoons
- f. Budget
 - i. Typically the budget would be decided upon this month but this year's process is pushed back
 - ii. What's being presented is a strong draft
 - iii. Will be further developed with the academic leadership team→ academic supports and staffing
 - iv. Shared some of the feedback from staff and families, much of which is reflected in the draft budget
 - v. There is additional federal funding coming (CARES 2 and 3) are reflected the school year budget, per EdOps

Vivek moves to go to closed session (Keith, Vivek, ayes unanimous).

Moved to closed session at 5:41.

Return to open session at 5:58 pm.

- 4. Vivek moves to adjourn
 - a. Keith seconds
 - b. Ayes: unanimous

Adjourned 5:58 pm