Breakthrough Board Minutes

4/22/2021

Attendance:

Keith Whitescarver, Chair

Katie Brown, Secretary

Emily Hedin

Emily Raskin

Vivek Swaminathan

Rachel Kimboko (Note taker)

Michael Watts, EdOps

Hannah Richardson

Sara Suchman

Christopher Lohse

1. Call to Order: 5:03pm
2. Housekeeping Needs
   1. Approval of December 17 minutes
      1. Keith moves to approve
      2. Vivek seconds
      3. Ayes: Keith, Emily R., Vivek, Rachel, Michael, Dave, & Sara
3. Executive Director’s Report
   1. Academic
      1. SpEd
         1. Still 28 students
         2. Hours seem to have been maintained pretty well
         3. Some of them are joining in-person learning and so there has been some learning happening
      2. Have chosen a new benchmark assessment platform: iReady. Will start using it in the fall.
   2. Lottery
      1. 54 PK3 seats are matched
      2. Wait list of 386 (PK3-3) > lottery numbers are matching
   3. Financial
      1. DSR = 4.14 and 104 days of cash on hand
      2. PPP loan has been forgiven so converted from debt to income
      3. Expect to receive two rounds of ESR funding
      4. Additional funding from the Mayor’s Office and as well an additional weight to the at-risk allocation and level funding or increasing per-pupil
      5. Ironically, the pandemic has led to an improved financial outlook and may extend well into FY22-23 and FY 23-24
   4. Planning for next year
      1. Mayor has expressed interest for all schools to open full-time in-person with limited options for virtual learning
      2. PCSB Chair has indicated the same
      3. Still waiting for clarity
   5. Facilities and financing

Phase 2 is moving along in terms of construction and financing

* + 1. Financing
       1. We have up-to-date pricing based on finalized drawings; which means that the project is now affordable and we will not have to compromised on the scope of the project (all 22,000 sq ft) within the budget expected
       2. mid-August is the anticipated completion date
    2. Facilities
       1. A $125,000 allowance for an elevator makes it possible to get started on the playground build.
       2. Demo of the second floor is complete and window installation is in progress.

Moved to closed session at 5:29 (Katie, Rachel)

Return to open session at 5:53 pm.

1. Vivek moves to adjourn
   1. Rachel seconds
   2. Ayes: Emily R., Keith, Michael, Rachel, Vivek, Katie

Adjourned 5:54 pm