

Breakthrough Board Notes  
10/14/2021

Attendance:

X	Keith Whitescarver, Chair
X	Katie Brown, Secretary
X	Sara Suchman
X	Chris Lohse
X	David Bagnoli
X	Rachel Kimboko
X	Michael Bing, Treasurer
X	Vivek Swaminathan
X	Kendra Harpster, SHA President
X	Emily Hedin
X	Hannah Richardson
	Kat Park
X	Michael Watts, EdOps
	Waseem Abbas, EdOps

1. 5:06pm: Call to order & Welcome
2. Approval of the Minutes from August 26, 2021

Motion: Vivek moves to approve the minutes.

Second: Keith

A	Chris Lohse	A	Michael Bing
A	David Bagnoli		Rachel Kimboko
A	Katie Brown	A	Sara Suchman
A	Keith Whitescarver	A	Vivek Swaminathan
A	Kendra Harpster		

A=aye; N=nay

3. 5:10-5:25pm: Executive Director's Report

- a. Met enrollment target
- b. Financial indicators are strong; additional grant money coming soon from OSSE (\$80K facilities grant, \$80K for hiring staff to manage COVID mitigation and response, \$10K for contact tracing, \$43K for COVID testing)
- c. COVID has been extremely disruptive
  - i. 16 positive cases
  - ii. 8/13 classes have had to quarantine
  - iii. 63% of students have had to quarantine
  - iv. Working with Shield T-3 for COVID testing, by Nov 1, must be testing >20% of students each week, goal is 100%
- d. General academics
  - i. Week 8 of classes
  - ii. DESSA and DECA administered (social-emotional), ASQ (developmental screener)
  - iii. TS Gold and iReady administered (academic)
    1. Robust reading intervention plans in place
    2. Plan for math support still in development given lost time for working with Montessori manipulatives for math
  - iv. Are other schools in the district being impacted in the same way? Breakthrough seems to be on the high end of the distribution in terms of numbers of cases, but not an outlier
    1. Breakthrough opened a week before DCPS, when case rates were higher, plus gave us a week head start
    2. DCPS schools only testing 10% of their student body; Breakthrough is testing more, so catching more positive cases
  - v. Special education program being redesigned to leverage a Resource Room for small group instruction with additional supports for children receiving special education services
    1. Some classrooms now require multiple dedicated aides, which is resulting in a lot of adults in the room

2. This was always the plan, but is happening a bit sooner than anticipated

4. Public comment period: no members of the public in attendance

5. Approval of new contracts over \$25,000

a. Shield T3, COVID-19 testing

Motion: Vivek moves to approve

Second: Rachel

A	Chris Lohse		Michael Bing
A	David Bagnoli	A	Rachel Kimboko
A	Katie Brown	A	Sara Suchman
A	Keith Whitescarver	A	Vivek Swaminathan
A	Kendra Harpster		

b. Greener Visions, playground installation

Motion: Vivek moves to approve

Second: Sara

A	Chris Lohse		Michael Bing
A	David Bagnoli	A	Rachel Kimboko
A	Katie Brown	A	Sara Suchman
A	Whitescarver	A	Vivek Swaminathan
A	Kendra Harpster		

6. 5:40-6:30pm: New Business

a. Recruiting and onboarding new board members

Motion: Vivek moves we move into closed session to discuss the appointment of officers

Second: Chris

A	Chris Lohse		Michael Bing
A	David Bagnoli	A	Rachel Kimboko
A	Katie Brown	A	Sara Suchman
A	Keith Whitescarver	A	Vivek Swaminathan
A	Kendra Harpster		

Moved to closed session at 5:51pm.

Return to open session at 6:18

Motion: Keith moves to adjourn

Second: Vivek

	Chris Lohse		Michael Bing
A	David Bagnoli	A	Rachel Kimboko
	Katie Brown		Sara Suchman
A	Keith Whitescarver	A	Vivek Swaminathan
A	Kendra Harpster		

6. 6:19pm: Adjourn