



Board of Directors Minutes

Hope Tolson Campus
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:30 p.m. ET

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:35 PM, Thursday, November 18, 2021.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Austin Alderdice	X	
Shereefat Balogun		X
Dana Bogle	X	
Rebecca Doherty	X	
Neha Patel	X	
Susan Sabella	X	
Kerry Smith	X	
Alteria Brown		X

a. Approval of Board Agenda

Motion: Susan Sabella Support: Kerry Smith
The board unanimously voted to approve the board agenda.

b. Approval of Board Minutes

Motion: Neha Patel Support: Susan Sabella
The board voted unanimously to approve the October 28, 2021 board minutes.

III. CMO Report

The financial updated was presented first.

a. Financial Update

Dan Theisen presented the financial update.

The finance team is being asked by the Public Charter School Board to approve a revised budget for FY22 school year due to enrollment reduction.

Dana Bogle would like to consider how social and emotional learning is being prioritized. Melissa Morris discussed maximizing roles. Rebecca Doherty stated that in the past the school has overspent in this area and this topic should be revisited next school year.

Approval of Financials

Motion: Kerry Smith Support: Dana Bogle

Yeah: 6 Nay: 0

The board voted unanimously to approve the FY22 revised budget.

ACTION ITEM: Rebecca Doherty requested that the Board receive monthly updates on enrollment, as well as activities around recruitment and retention.

b. Academic Support Update

The academic update was presented by Alexis Giles.

Ms. Giles informed the Board that the Reading Advantage program is in full bloom and servicing 120 scholars. Alexis examined the assessment data and explained the intervention pieces being implemented.

Dana Bogle inquired about Tier 1 instruction, planning for close reading and writing components being used.

ACTION ITEM: Dana Bogle requested that in the future, data be disaggregated by grade levels (above, below, and on grade level).

c. Principal's Report

The State of the School report was presented by Okiemute Pela.

Principal Pela provided an update on goals and strategies for enrollment, recruitment and retention, along with an attendance and safety update. Mrs. Pela discussed career day and provided a list of upcoming events.

Rebecca Doherty and Mrs. Pela discussed having a larger social media presence, distributing data driven fliers around the community, and promoting parents businesses.

ACTION ITEM: Rebecca Doherty requested making goals smart and providing a list of who is responsible for each goal to hold everyone accountable.

d. Operations Update

Enjuelle Livingston presented the operations update.

On-site COVID testing is now being administered every Thursday with a 24-48 hour turnaround on results. The PLA Development team was able to secure a grant to supply free testing kits.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VI. Open Communication/Public Comments

None

VII. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and go into a Closed Session to discuss board membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Motion: Neha Patel

Support: Susan Sabella

Yay: 6

Nay: 0

The board unanimously voted to adjourn and move to Closed Session.