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F.A.M.E., Inc.

Minutes

October FAME Board Meeting

Date and Time
Saturday October 16, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Location
Join Zoom Meeting
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Directors Present
C. Lebas, D. Mipro, D. Omojola, J. Jalice, L. Moran, R. Fernandez, R. Kirschman

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
R. Kirschman

Guests Present
A. Collopy, A. Dupre, K. Bourgeois, L. Spearman, M. Forcier, S. Corbett, T. Coleman

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

D. Mipro called a meeting of the board of directors of F.A.M.E., Inc. to order on Saturday Oct 16, 2021 at 10:04 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

R. Kirschman arrived at 10:11 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

R. Fernandez made a motion to approve the minutes from August FAME Board Meeting on 08-14-21.
D. Mipro seconded the motion.
Board motions to approve minutes
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of Updated Calendar

J. Jalice made a motion to approve updated calendar following Hurricane Ida.
R. Fernandez seconded the motion.
Lost 14 instructional days and state did not waive these missed days, so we shortened Fall Break, added two days to the end of the calendar, removed a couple of professional development days, and added 15 minutes to each school days. Took feedback from teachers as well.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. CEO's Report

A. Academic Report

2020-2021 LEAP review; this is first year getting LEAP scores in a while. Using this data to see what needs to be focused on and have been missed during the pandemic. These scores are not as accurate due to the pandemic. We're comparing ourselves to other districts and the overall state instead of previous years due to the data being skewed. We are consistently scoring at or above state and district especially in ELA. Struggling in grades 5 and 6 in math but this is consistent with the rest of the state and districts.

SPS is likely not coming out; we have strategies in place at each school to address short fallings from the pandemic. Across the state there was an overall 7% drop in scores for ELA and 10% drop in math. It's important to recognize the emotional and social well-being students are facing with this pandemic.

B. Operations Report

Enrollment is significantly down this year and it was down last year. It is pandemic based; people are opting for fully virtual. Families who were enrolled opted out due to Delta but talking to OneApp this is a trend across the city not just at Audubon.

One App is pushing application opening to early November and is using one deadline 3rd week in January but it shouldn't affect us negatively. We can now use cafeteria and two in person open houses this year in the evening with no students are staff in the buildings. We will also have 12-15 virtual open houses with different times to accommodate different people.

Significant issues after Hurricane Ida- Milan and Broadway most damage. Lots of trees down at these campuses. We are responsible deductible for building damage we just don't know our deductible yet. Milan biggest concern was mold so we immediately addressed that and we avoided major issues with mold because of this. Addressed having to close Broadway for two days due to the chiller. During Thanksgiving break the chiller leak will be repaired.

HVAC maintenance contracts end and will be shopping around for new.

COVID testing has been very effective and we have 96% of our staff vaccinated. 84% of the students across all campuses are registered for weekly testing at school.

C. Development Report

Established a Rarebird Relief Fund- received a gift from (get from Lynn). We were able to assist several families and staff members with this donation. School in North Carolina sent $1300 to Audubon gentilly for target, visa, and walmart.

Communications is working on social media and branding. Promoting on FB and Insta and also working with Gambit. Gambit will also post our Open House dates. New winter gear coming out based on poll from families.

$61,000 in grants so far this year. $310,000 pending in grants still.

D. Parent Reports

Elected new PTO president- Mackenzie Rodriguez. Elections will be held for the rest of positions by the end of October or early November.

E. CEO Remarks

Family meetings are scheduled with Dr. Corbett to have open discussion to discuss any needs or concerns.

NOLA no longer a high risk community for COVID so reduced restrictions for schools now.

Financial models presented and strategic plans to reach these goals. Reached out to outside consultants. We are now partnered with EdOps. New Schools of New Orleans is paying for this partnership with Edops so there is no cost to Audubon for their services. Give 5 year options/scenarios that give us options to make fiscal decisions.

IV. Closing Items

A. Announcements

Next board meeting November 13th at 10AM

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Fernandez

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