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Excelsior Village Academies

Minutes

Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday November 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Location

The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

5295 Highway 155 North, Atlanta, Georgia

You can also join virtually. Please see the meeting details below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8754612347?pwd=UXN0amZyMmE3YlVNamhHK3JWVGJKUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 461 2347

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The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

5295 Highway 155 N; Stockbridge, GA 30281

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Directors Present

A. Holmes, D. Paige, K. Rutherford, N. Brinson, R. Culpepper III, R. Hutchins, T. Burrell, W. Smith

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

M. Flowers

Non Voting Members Present

M. Flowers

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Brinson called a meeting of the board of directors of Excelsior Village Academies to order on Saturday Nov 16, 2024 at 11:06 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Minutes

N. Brinson made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting on 10-19-24.

R. Hutchins seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Finance

A. Budget

- Limited changes from the last forecast due to uncategorized expenses
 - Forecasted to end SY24-25 with ~\$120k loss because of lower enrollment than initially projected
- November has been the largest cash expenditure because of expected vendor expenditures. EVA has to front the cost and then get reimbursed through our grants.
- Looking ahead:
 - Additional CSP drawdowns
 - Budget for Title I, II, IV and begin drawdowns
 - NSLP approval
- Goals and Horizons Issues
 - Positive Pay Implementation for Fraud Protection
 - Finalize facility project costs
 - Capital asset analysis

B. Fundraising

- \$2500 Board Goal currently to fundraise
 - ~\$1500 raised already by board dues
 - Through GA Gives, the aim is to get at least \$1000 more raised
 - GA Give Campaign expires Dec. 4 (Giving Tuesday)
- GA Gives Day - The team will continue to fundraise in similar manner after GA Gives Day

C. Filing Update

- Fundraising account has been set up as to not co-mingle

D. Next Steps

- Get individual pages done for GA Gives Day.
- The fundraising plan will be pushed out the week of Nov. 18

III. Updates

A. GADOE & SCSC Monitoring

- FTE submission has been submitted
 - The enrollment number submitted was 90 kids, 17 less than the initial filing
 - EVA is still waiting to see how the numbers pan out based on student needs

- EVA has submitted all documents for SCSC monitoring

B. Enrollment

- As of 11/16, 83 scholars to date
- At the next board meeting, we will review the plan for the SY25-26 enrollment with an eye on 540 students enrolled by Year 5

C. Personnel Update

- Received applications, EVA will consider those for instructional staff SY25-26
- M. Flowers is delivering instruction primarily, but there is a staff member in the room who can relieve her when need be
- Maintaining Professional Development for teachers

D. Facilities

- Building is functional, but there are some outstanding projects
 - Fencing around parts of the property
 - HVAC delays
 - Playground

E. Grants

- CSP
 - EVA is waiting for some feedback from CSP to get the next drawdown
- Charter School Growth Fund
- Building Hope Impact Award
 - 1st place will receive \$20K
 - Recognizes innovative schools
 - Deadline: Nov 30

F. Student Data Presentation

- Overall Goals:
 - Growth Goal: At the Winter administration, 50% or more of students in each grade have grown at least one IRLA level since the fall.
 - Growth Goal: At spring administration, 67% or more of students have grown the equivalent of one grade level since the fall
 - K-2: 70% at proficient or above grade level by winter, 75% at proficient or above by spring
 - 3: 60% at proficient or above grade level by winter, 65% at proficient or above by spring

- Students have grown collectively around 3 months in just the first 14 weeks of school

IV. Community Engagement

A. Recent & Upcoming Events

- Coat Drive: Running until 11/21
- Potluck: 11/22
 - 12:15-1:15p

V. Board Business

A. Comprehensive Performance Framework

- Comprehensive Performance Framework is the tool the SCSC uses to monitor the progress of the school academically, financially, and operationally
- Academic Section of the CPF:
 - CCRPI (College and Career Readiness Performance Index) - only considers tested grades
 - Pulls data based on student zip codes, then compares it to schools in those zip codes

B. Governance Support Program

- SCSC reached out to support new schools in their board governance
- Lisa McDonald is the point of contact and coach
- Will meet with the board chair 2x a month and come to observe meetings to provide feedback and in-person support

C. Upcoming Training

- Each FY Board Members need 6 hours of training to be in compliance
- Ongoing learning for the board from BOT:
 - The Board's Role in Stakeholder Engagement - 11/19
 - From Good to Great: Measuring Board Effectiveness - 12/17
- SCSC has posted their training for FY25, and will begin in February
 - Feb 11 - 1pm
 - April 22 - 1pm

VI. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Parent via Zoom:

- Thank you so much for all you do. With the K-6 enrollment projection for next year, will there be a 5th grade? Some of us have older kids and friends who would be interested.
 - Yes. We are growing into all grades in the K-6 band
- Also, have we used the Facebook groups to help bring more awareness about the school in the community?

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

R. Hutchins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Rutherford seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Hutchins

Documents used during the meeting

- SCSC_CPF_2024-2025SY (1).pdf
- GSS.Program.Description.FY25.pdf