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Minutes

Living School Board & Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 30, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

Maroon, 1205 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA

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Public comment is welcome on any item on the agenda. At the end of each agenda item, there will be a time for public comment. Members of the public wishing to comment on any agenda item, may raise their hand at this designated time and be recognized by the Chair to speak for up to 2 minutes per person, per agenda item. On any matter up for a vote, public comment must be heard prior to taking the Board's vote.

For members of the public wishing to address the Board for longer than 2 minutes on any given agenda item, please give the Chair at least 24 hours notice to be added to the agenda. We will strive to accommodate longer items but cannot guarantee room on a given meeting's agenda.

Directors Present

C. Smith, D. Armstead, D. Smith, K. Mutepfa, R. Ashmore

Directors Absent

A. Medley, D. Jackson, M. Lehnherr

Guests Present

A. Winzy, Blake Bertucelli Booth, Dr. Gail Thomas-Batiste, H. Tullier, K. Dowdy (remote), M. Dunn, Mike, S. Pasternak, S. Porges (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Mutepfa called a meeting of the board of directors of Living School to order on Tuesday Jan 30, 2024 at 6:18 PM.

C. Approve Board Meeting Agenda

R. Ashmore made a motion to approve the agenda as posted.

C. Smith seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

R. Ashmore made a motion to approve the minutes from Living School Board & Committee Meeting on 11-15-23.

D. Armstead seconded the motion.

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

E. Elect new Board Officers

K. Mutepfa made a motion to elect Danielle Smith for her 1st 1-year term as Board Chair.

D. Armstead seconded the motion.

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

K. Mutepfa made a motion to elect David Armstead to his first 1-year term as Treasurer.

R. Ashmore seconded the motion.

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

K. Mutepfa made a motion to elect Richard Ashmore to his 1st 1-year term as Secretary.

C. Smith seconded the motion.

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

II. Voting Items

A. Approved Staff Retention Stipend Proposal

K. Mutepfa made a motion to approve Staff Retention Stipends of \$4,000 per staff member after taxes paid out in installments of \$1,000 on 3/31/24 and \$3,000 on 6/30/24 with New Schools for New Orleans paying \$1,000 per staff member of this stipend.

D. Armstead seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve authorization to open new Bank Account

K. Mutepfa made a motion to approve the following resolution: Whereas, Living School's charter contract with the Orleans Parish School Board will end on 6/30/24 requiring the return of all unused public funds to NOLA Public School; Whereas, Living School's public and private funds are currently commingled in our accounts with OnPath Federal Credit Union; Therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of Living School, hereby acknowledge and approve that the CEO establish a new checking and savings account with a new bank or credit union to maintain separate control over our private funds. The new account must be named to clearly distinguish it from the school operations.

C. Smith seconded the motion.

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

III. Discussion Items

A. Committee Reports

Academic & Culture Committee:

1. Reviewed Fall LEAP results & Winter STAR testing
2. Implementing ACT WorkKeys assessments for students in 10th - 12th grades
3. Overview of Senior class outcomes

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Mutepfa