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Paramount Schools of Excellence

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Location
3020 Nowland Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201, Classroom 13

Directors Present
A. Bekele, C. Park, J. Amu, J. Hazzard, Jr., P. Blackard, T. Rude

Directors Absent
B. Eldridge, H. Maurer

Ex Officio Members Present
T. Reddicks

Guests Present
Adam Freeman, Barb Richardson, Chris Larson, Dre Knox, Emily Besinger, Hannah Okerson, Jasmine Burditt, Kyle Beauchamp, Mary Laflin, P. Purvis, Rhonda Grady, S. Ping, Tonia Bireley

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Rude called a meeting of the board of directors of Paramount Schools of Excellence to order on Tuesday Apr 11, 2017 at 5:40 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

No public comments

III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval

A. Review and approval of March minutes

T. Rude made a motion to Approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 03-14-17 Board Meeting on 03-14-17.
C. Park seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Voucher approval for March

T. Rude made a motion to Approve vouchers.
C. Park seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Finance

A. Financial report

Budget to be discussed at committee meeting.

V. Operations Report

A. School Operations

Tommy Reddicks
Reviewed the Gates sponsored National meeting, "Convening on District-Charter Collaboration" in Cleveland with charter school through-out the Midwest. Indiana was the newest state to be included. Introduced Emily Besinger, one of our new fellows. Emily has been helping with the 2017-2018 budget.

Shawna Ping
Loan payment to IFF cleared the bank on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Kyle Beauchamp
After school tutoring averaged over 100 students for the school year. Administration is currently seeking new teachers and are conducting interviews every day.

Adam Freeman
Adam and Ms. Grady attended a job fair at University of Southern Indiana. They conducted approximately 10 one on one interviews and talked with an additional 40 or more candidates.

Tonia Bireley
97% of our 3rd graders passed the IREAD Assessment. The last two year our scores have been in the low 90's. Teachers and students have worked very hard and it shows in our test scores. Three students did not pass and will be able to retake the test this summer. These students are in our SPED program and teachers will work with them for the remainder of the school year. Teachers and Administration are getting ready for round 2 of ISTEP starting next week. We will receive WIDA scores in approximately 2 weeks.

Mary Laflin
Mary is our new Director of Operations for PSOE1. One Call Now System, a messaging system that sends information out to our parents and families has been installed. An extra supply closet has been installed in the middle school wing. Preventative maintenance has been scheduled for the middle school HVAC system.

Dre Knox
Discipline incidents have been low since returning from spring break. Discipline staff have been visible in the classrooms of our repeat offenders. One Call Now system is helping with calling parents regarding absences and tardy issues.

Barb Richardson
Eli Lilly matched contributed $7,500 for the summer STEAM program for staff salaries. ROW/CICF - $5,000 for STEAM Water Cycle documentation and curriculum. Elanco $42,070 ($15,320 Farm Infrastructure, $23,750 for indoor Eco Discovery Center). External relations, TURN Festival Save the Date cards are now available for distribution.

Chris Larson
Working hard on the school grounds for the May 7th Peace Park opening. Newly hire, garden/landscape coordinator, Lisa Hopman, has started and is working out well. The kick-off meeting with the Kitchen Committee was very well attended with 23 school representatives. A veterinarian referral will b made by Tom Rude.

VI. New Business

A. New Business

A 2017-2018 board calendar was presented and one change was made in January 2018. Moving from Tuesday the 16th to Friday, January 19th for the Board Retreat.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next Board Meetings

B. Adjourn Meeting

T. Rude made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.
C. Park 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 7:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
P. Blackard

VIII. Committee Meeting Breakouts

A. Academics & Governance Committee

Report to be given at May board meeting.

B. Development & Finance

Report to be given at May board meeting.