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Paramount Schools of Excellence

Minutes

Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Location
Paramount Online Academy Training Room
1203 East Saint Clair
Door #8
Indianapolis, IN 46202

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Directors Present
B. Eldridge (remote), E. Mendez (remote), J. Hazzard, Jr. (remote), M. Bishop, P. Blackard (remote), T. Rude

Directors Absent
A. Bekele, J. Amu, L. Smith

Ex Officio Members Present
T. Reddicks

Guests Present
B. Richardson (remote), Brandalyn Hayes (remote), Brent Eskridge (remote), Case Calvert (remote), Chris Larson (remote), D. Sawyers (remote), D. Taylor (remote), J. Hurley (remote), Justin Braun (remote), K. Beauchamp (remote), Keith Thomas (remote), Lindsay Omlor (remote), Lisa Hopman (remote), M. Miller, Marc Hardy (remote), S. Kuhn (remote), Stefanie Hanes (remote), T. Palacios (remote), Tara Gustin (remote), Tiffany Palacios (remote), V. Hereens (remote)

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 19, 2022 at 5:33 PM.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval

A. Review and Approve Minutes

T. Rude made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including financials, vouchers, and the minutes from the Paramount Board of Directors Public Meeting on 03-15-22.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Rude	Aye
P. Blackard	Aye
L. Smith	Absent
J. Amu	Absent
A. Bekele	Absent
E. Mendez	Aye
M. Bishop	Aye
B. Eldridge	Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Aye

B. Voucher Approval

IV. New Business

A. Approve New Language for Articles of Incorporation for Lafayette Charter

T. Rude made a motion to approve the new language revision to the Articles of Incorporation for the Lafayette charter application.
M. Bishop seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Blackard	Aye
B. Eldridge	Aye
L. Smith	Absent
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Aye
T. Rude	Aye
M. Bishop	Aye
J. Amu	Absent
A. Bekele	Absent
E. Mendez	Aye

B. Approve 22-23 Family Handbook

M. Bishop made a motion to approve the 22-23 family handbook provided in Board on Track.
B. Eldridge seconded the motion.
The family handbook was edited and addendums were created to provide a more general family handbook that applies to all Paramount schools. Addendums were created that are campus-specific that will allow for differentiation as we open additional campuses, while the family handbook will remain the same amongst all schools.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Smith	Absent
J. Amu	Absent

Roll Call

E. Mendez	Aye
M. Bishop	Aye
T. Rude	Aye
A. Bekele	Absent
P. Blackard	Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Aye
B. Eldridge	Aye

C. CQ1 Academic Report Review

Brookside received one mark for “does not meet” due to the gap between the special education and general education population at the school. The state average pass rate for special education last year was 5% and Brookside was significantly above that. The gap between these populations at the state level was 34% and Brookside had a 25% gap between these populations. Stefanie Hanes reviewed what supports have been put in place to close this gap between our special education and general education students this school year.

V. Operations Reports

A. Navigation Team

Lafayette construction is underway with South Bend construction beginning soon. Hiring is happening for those campuses as well. The charters for both campuses are in the development process. ILEARN testing has started in all schools.

B. Principal Reports

POA - Brandalyn Hayes

Englewood is a host site for POA students who are completing ILEARN testing, and they appreciate their support with testing. Students are excited about their end-of-the-year incentives and POA is already looking forward to planning for the next school year.

PEN - Darius Sawyers

ILEARN testing is underway. Englewood hosted a Talent Show for students a few weeks ago and students really enjoyed the experience. Track and soccer season, a student bowling incentive, and graduation ceremonies are making for an exciting end of the school year in the next month.

PCH - Tara Gustin

Students are taking their time with testing to show their work with ILEARN testing. Cottage Home is working on staffing to fill some vacant positions. 3rd and 4th-grade students have a celebration for their hard work with end-of-year testing coming up.

PBR - Dexter Taylor

ILEARN is underway with math wrapping up this week and students will be moving on to complete the ELA portion of the test. Over 200 moms showed up for a coffee chat and over 150 dads showed up for donuts with dads over the last few weeks. Looking forward to kindergarten and 8th-grade graduation ceremonies around the corner.

VI. Closing Items

A. Next Meeting

May 24th @ 5:30 pm (1203 E. St. Clair Street Indianapolis, IN 46202)
Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81567255132

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Rude