



Equitas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Governance & Resource Development Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 25, 2018 at 11:00 AM

Location

Conference Call Dial In: 719-394-0060 PIN: 81249. Additional Call in Location: 2100 Riverside Dr., Burbank, CA, 91506, 10250 Constellation Blvd, Suite 100, LA 90067, 2723 W. 8th St., Los Angeles, CA 90005, 800 Ivy Farm Drive, Charlottesville VA 22901

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Committee Members Present

J. Creed (remote), L. Phillips (remote), M. Borrego (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

C. Sanii (remote), L. Renfort (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Phillips called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Equitas Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Apr 25, 2018 at 11:03 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Creed made a motion to approve minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting on 03-20-18 Governance Committee Meeting on 03-20-18.

L. Phillips seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Minutes

II. Governance

A. Board Member Recruitment and Outreach

Recruitment is looking good. Charter Board Partners is starting the matching process and there will be potential candidates soon. They will be bringing us 2 board members. We will start getting those April 23rd and after.

Status of prospective board member Sonia - she is not going to attend the board meeting. She is thinking about joining a Committee and not the Board. She may join in May to understand the board and possibly join a Committee.

Post Board member job description on Idealist and Bridgespan.

Malka will be setting up 30 minute phone calls in May with prospective Board members and then bring candidates in in person in end of May or June. Lindsay will share list of suggested board members so Malka can send out email to gauge interest and then follow up with phone calls. Continue to reach out to connectors to solicit any other prospects they might think are a good fit. Jesse will follow up with his connectors to see if he can get some prospects.

C. Sanii arrived.

B. Committee Planning for Next Year

Committee planning for next year. There will be vacancies on Resource Development and Governance and possibly Finance.

Will discuss in more detail at the board meeting with the full board.

Also to think about - who will be the board treasurer.

Malka will discuss with Oliver to get his thoughts and share with the board.

C. Development dashboard review

Claudia has not yet updated the Dashboard. But there is a \$200K Calder Foundation grant that will be for the next 2 years. Other than that, there has been no more "gives" since last board meeting.

Equitas has already received the check for \$100K for this year.

We should also find out about Parsons in May. We are also still applying for GPSN.

Have Governance Comm. reach out to any board members who haven't given at all to remind them that we are 3 months out before end of year.

We know that individual giving has slowed down because we don't have a development director. We are working on bringing in a director of development. Thinking through what the right profile is for the new DD. Sarah Chandler is going to bring up tomorrow at Board meeting, for board members to think about. What will be their fundraising strategy? What will be their multi-year strategic plan?

Development Director needs to be able to support the whole vision with a diverse portfolio.

Malka talked about creating the scholarship we gave a scholar last year to attend a parochial school again, to keep this scholar at the same school going into the 10th grade. Malka does not know of any other students that are requesting support this year, other than this 10th grader. The strategy to do that this year - we do have the funds, but we do not have the strategy. This will not set a precedent. Malka will be bringing this to the board tomorrow so we can think through the plan for the future. Malka wants to ask the board hold us accountable to a clearer strategy for the future. We need to figure out if we will be offering 4 year scholarships or if it's just for grade 9.

D. Board Member Fundraising Update

See notes above regarding Development Director.

Lindsay will reach out to board members to remind them about their "give" and that we have 3 months left.

E. Board Retreat Planning

Marci Cornell - Feist suggested working with the new co-board chairs to plan the Board Retreat.

BoardMeet on July 19th.

Options in August for Board Retreat. August 10/11, 17/18 or 24/25. Solidify dates tomorrow at Board meeting so we can confirm with Marci and move forward with planning.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Creed made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

C. Sanii seconded the motion.

The committee **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 11:49 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Phillips