

APPROVED



BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday August 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location

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Directors Present

A. Bennin, B. Akintomide (remote), C. Crawley, C. Glier (remote), D. Bouie (remote), D. Dennis, H. Harshman, J. Fulk, L. Turner

Directors Absent

M. Canada, M. Whitmire, T. Hughes

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Turner called a meeting of the board of directors of BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC to order on Wednesday Aug 17, 2022 at 5:07 PM.

B. Welcome and Attendance

C. Approve July Minutes

A. Bennin made a motion to approve the minutes from July Board Meeting on 07-08-22.

C. Crawley seconded the motion.

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

II. School Updates

A. Principal's Report

Academic

11 students took AP at 10th grade - strong early indicators of success

Bio-ECA scores were presented to the board and demonstrated progress - outperformed all public and private schools in district except Chitard

Dr Turner asked about SAT scores - school's data not ranked because not enough scores from 11th graders; all juniors getting SAT prep course in next week

expanded leadership to include a junior leadership team

- managing coaching and running point on specific events

Curriculum

new ELA curriculum - using oladale now - optimistic on improvement in grade level content

3 new AP - bio, spanish and english language;

Other

feedback continues in classroom for new teachers related to academics and culture

PD over 3 weeks - high engagement and external partners involved.

lost 3 staff members over summer - ELL teacher search is ongoing

Kim's Board Report

Kim shared with board that Believe goals are around growth of students that come to the school

1010 is college ready per state (lower than usual 1080); center township proficiency is very low

growth analysis for Believe in SAT is very strong - particularly compared to peers
IPS partnership discussions turned to Believe shares instructors - could be advantageous for enrollment

- Dr. Turner asked about next steps and Kim shared some ideas that they will discuss - e.g. take a group of kids and try to grow them - could be short term as pilot - but will be a financial incentive for Believe

considering locations in Indianapolis and St Louis for second location
St Louis has better enrollment in charter high schools

Partnership with Marion has been fruitful - got a bilingual teacher, student teacher, and certified special education teacher - excited about Marion partnership

Kim noted that Haley's family donated 100 bookbags to the school! Huge thank you for that.

B. Transportation / Interlocal Update

Communication issues with formative has been frustrating
Miss Manning and Teagan intervening - intend to add a 3rd and 4th bus because kids aren't getting home until 5:30pm

Kim gave update on Interlocal
1 driver supporting Global Prep and needed to shorten route
2 new buses are not ready - need 1 bus driver and both buses
kids have too long of days with current transportation
Dr Turner asked status of Interlocal

- Kim said this is outstanding based on issues with formative and suggested we hold on a decision

Formative chartered a bus to fill a gap in short term

C. Enrollment Update

>92% attendance for first few weeks
230 budgeted enrollment - wanted 250 - now at 206 but still have adds tickling in

- working on recruiting kids that have transferred to other schools
- many transfer students - juniors and seniors - 5-6 that might have missed last year + of schooling

III. Committee Chair Nominations and Designations

A. Governance Chair Nomination & Designation

will target board recruitment to also find good fit for Governance

B. Academic Excellence Chair Nomination & Designation (if changing)

Derek asked to because Academic chair

C. Finance Committee Chair Update

D. Development Committee Chair Nomination & Designation

Kim nominated Bunmi and Pastor Bouie for Development committee

IV. Committee Next Steps

A. Haley is going to take Governance Com. for interim

Haley will come back to Board with next steps for Committees

V. Closing Items

A. Next meeting

scheduled for September 21st

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Turner