The PATH School

Minutes

Board meeting

March

Date and Time
Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Directors Present
A. Adkins (remote), A. Burtner (remote), M. Mayorga, N. Woodson, T. Carpenter

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Hervey, T. Brannum, T. Taylor

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Woodson called a meeting of the board of directors of The PATH School to order on Tuesday Mar 19, 2024 at 5:07 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Burtner made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2024 Board meeting on 01-16-24.
A. Adkins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. PATH School Financials

A. PATH School Financials

Director of Operations, Theo Brannum, reviewed SY' 24 Statement of Activity and Actuals vs. Budget, and ESSER funds.

March 18, 2024 - $4.2 mil

- **189** Days Cash on Hand; FY'24 goal is 70.
- ESSER 3 funds remaining: $452,000 (included in budget for SY'24)
  - Meeting with Path Executive Team to determine how to spend additional funds.
- School Budget Allocation: 7.5 million
  - Left to spend: $1.8 million
  - Biggest Line Items (GL):
    - Elementary Education - All classroom expenses
    - Office of the Principal - Everything outside of the classroom

III. School Presentations

A. School Leader Presentation

- School Mission, Vision, and Values shared.
- SY' 24 School Goals:
  - Attendance:
    - Average Daily Attendance (ADA): **95%**
  - Academic:
    - **18%** of Scholars will pass ILEARN ELA
    - **16%** of Scholars will pass ILEARN Math
    - **60%** of 3rd Grade Scholars will pass IREAD by Summer '24
  - Multilingual Learners (ML):
    - **25%** of ML Scholars will reach their proficiency growth goal on ACCESS '24
    - **80%** of ML Scholars will demonstrate growth on WIDA ACCESS from '23 to '24
- Enrollment/Attendance as of **3/17/24:**
  - Attendance: 636; budgeted for 500
    - 6th grade is highest

- ◦ Grade level, demographics, ELL, and Excel specific data shared.
- ◦ ADA: 90.2% as of 3/17/24
  - ▪ Kindergarten, 1st, and 8th is lowest
- • Staffing:
  - ◦ 7 Resignations - no change since January
  - ◦ 8 New Hires - 1 new since January
  - ◦ 3 Vacancies - 1 less since January
  - ◦ Gaps: compensation, career trajectory
- • Academics:
  - ◦ TPS Assessment Week: March 11 - March 15th
    - ▪ Clearsight will be utilized to assess writing assessment to prepare for second assessment of I-READ in Summer '24
    - ▪ Saturday Schools, ZERN program, Clearsight will be utilized to bridge gap for second assessment in Summer '24
- • Addressing the Gaps:
  - ◦ Staff Development
    - ▪ Instructional Sprint
    - ▪ Professional learning communities
    - ▪ The Science of Reading
  - ◦ Interventions
    - ▪ Achievement Project Tutoring
    - ▪ Orton-Gillingham- Language Development
    - ▪ Indiana Learns Tutoring
    - ▪ I-Read Bootcamp
- • Initiatives 23'-24' shared:
  - ◦ High Ability - COMPLETE
  - ◦ Daily Exit Tickets - COMPLETE
  - ◦ National Junior Honor Society - COMPLETE
  - ◦ National Elementary Honor Society - COMPLETE
  - ◦ Tier 1 Instruction - COMPLETE
  - ◦ Increasing Panorama Data - In Progress
  - ◦ School "Level-Up" Culture System - COMPLETE
  - ◦ 4-weeks of baseline data - COMPLETE
  - ◦ Cohorting grade levels - COMPLETE

B. **Executive Director Presentation**

- • **OIE Update:**
  - ◦ March Requirements:
    - ▪ Quarter 3 report
    - ▪ Board approved minutes from January
    - ▪ Verification of budgeted enrollment
- • **Lawsuit**:
  - ◦ Bodily Injury - NO UPDATE

- **SIG Grant:**
    - Approved - $300,000 for planning purposes for SY'24, then $3 million per year for 3 years starting in SY'25
        - Focus on: Home visits, phonics intervention, tutoring services in ELA & Math plan
- **New Indiana Laws:**
    - Senate Bill 1:
        - Enforces holding back 3rd graders who fail IREAD-3.
        - Requires 2nd graders sit for the test starting next school year while also offering summer school courses to students who are struggling to read or are at risk of failing IREAD exam.
    - Senate Bill 282: Aims to cut down truancy or unexcused absences.
        - Requires schools to intervene early & hold parent meetings in elementary students miss more than 5 days without an excuse.
    - Senate Bill 185: Requires school create a policy prohibiting cell phones during instructional time.
- Contracts, MOUS, and Agreements SY 23-24
    - Reviewed, no changes.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Meeting held 3/13/24:

- Path School Financials reviewed:
    - Statement of Activity
    - Budget vs. Actual
- Major topics discussed: ESSER vs. SIG and the difference. Theo to prepare a report for us to review in future meetings.
- Charter facility grant of $300k: Will be focused on cleaning (janitorial) for the next school year.
- Payments over $10k or more discussed

B. Education Committee

Did not meet in January or February 2024. Looking for a new Committee Chair. Board members are asked to send their interest to Board Chair, Nicole Woodson.

C. Governance Committee

Meeting held 2/27/24:

- Discussed board recruitment efforts

- Get on Board event 6/25/24 planning

D. IPS Pricing Policy

- The PATH School currently uses IPS services as a part of the district and the cost passes through IPS first.
- This new policy will ask that The PATH School pay IPS for services rendered as needed e.g. bus, technology.
  - Details to be discussed at a future meeting.

V. Other Business

A. Board Recruitment Informational Session

To be scheduled on 4/2 in the evening. Details to come. Board members are encouraged to attend. Theo Brannum and Tia Taylor will represent The PATH School.

VI. 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 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Carpenter

Documents used during the meeting

- 2024_01_16_board_meeting_minutes (1).pdf
- Board Meeting, COO Deck 3_18_24.pptx
- Principal Board Presentation
- Executive Director's Report, 3.19.24.pptx
- The PATH School Finance Cmte Mar 2024.pdf
- Governance Committee minutes 2.27.24
- IPS Pricing Policy