



# Edison School of the Arts

# **Minutes**

# **Board Meeting**

#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 3:30 PM

#### Location

777 S. White River Parkway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46221

**Edison School of the Arts Mission** is to continue to be an educational and artful resource for all students, parents, community, and staff members by consistent and focused professional development, invitational practices by all, utilizing quarterly and annual reviews. We will continue to develop our educational and arts aesthetic by expanding our arts experiences, exposure, and partnerships.

**Edison School of the Arts Vision** is to provide an environment that promotes high academic and creative achievement through implementation of visual and performing arts course programming. We encourage students to become responsible citizens who are culturally diverse. We develop lifelong learners, appreciators, and consumers of the arts.

#### **Directors Present**

E. Disney-Britton, K. Feeney-Caito, T. Givens, T. Overdorf

### **Directors Absent**

G. Wallis, H. Leck

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

N. Tuttle

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

N. Tuttle

## **Guests Present**

A. Berns, Antonio Johnson, P. Guthrie

#### I. Opening Items

## A. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Disney-Britton called a meeting of the board of directors of Edison School of the Arts to order on Tuesday Jan 16, 2018 at 3:36 PM.

#### **B.** Record Attendance and Guests

# C. Adoption of the Agenda

- E. Disney-Britton made a motion to Adopt the agenda.
- T. Overdorf seconded the motion.

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

# **II. Opening Comments**

## A. Board Member Comments (2-min each)

Ernest Disney-Britton was thrilled to see the reaction from the staff going on with the arts integration meeting. Ted Givens would like to congratulate everyone for doing a great job with the Christmas support for the families.

# B. Public Comment (3-min each)

Antonio Johnson inquired about unfinished business related to the student handbook and governance handbook. Inquiry asking if there are any type of plans for any parental involvement. Mr. Johnson is extremely interested in their role as parents because their child will be impacted by this.

## III. Consent Agenda

# A. Approve October Minutes

- E. Disney-Britton made a motion to approve the minutes from October.
- T. Givens seconded the motion.

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

# **B.** Approve November Board Meeting Minutes

- E. Disney-Britton made a motion to approve the November minutes.
- T. Overdorf seconded the motion.

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

## C. Approve December Minutes

- E. Disney-Britton made a motion to Approve December Minutes.
- T. Givens seconded the motion.

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

# IV. Treasurer's Report

## A. Approve January Financial Statements

Greg Wallis was not in attendance to deliver this report, therefore motion is postponed until the February meeting.

## B. Review of Preliminary Enrollment and Budget Assumption

Greg Wallis was not in attendance to deliver this report, therefore motion is postponed until the February meeting.

# V. Leadership Team Reports

## A. CEO, Head of School Report

Nathan Tuttle reported that Edison School of the Arts has been invited to participate in the Walton Family Foundation Grant. Mr. Tuttle mentioned there is a 2 week Principal Development Program that will be in Denver this summer and then followed up throughout the year with 4 weekend sessions. This is the gold standard of principal development. The cost would be covered by the Mind Trust if we are selected to attend. Mr. Tuttle will also be attending the National meeting for Any Given Child/Arts Exchange at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in February. There has started to be a cultural shift with students/staff with the work of Peace Learning Center, Restorative Justice and implementing Arts Integration.

#### B. Academic's Reports

Amy Berns reported that WIDA testing for the ESL students has started and will last about a week. The staff and students are continuing to work diligently as ISTEP is quickly approaching.

# C. Advancement & Engagement Reports

Penny Guthrie reported that enrollment seems to be going well at this point. There are still several buildings in the district that have students who have not applied for a building for next year. Intent forms for current students have been sent out and we are getting a

good return rate on those. There are meetings coming up regarding the Edison Gateway that Penny and Ted Givens will attend.

## VI. Unfinished Business

## A. Student Handbook Update

Ernest Disney-Britton stated that we have a completion deadline. There will be an Ad Hoc Committee that will meet on March 1st from 3pm-6pm. We will review the handbooks that have come from other schools as well and then get a better sense of what we are missing, or we might not be missing anything. If it is policy it would come back to the board if it is procedural, then it would not.

#### B. Governance Handbook

Tanya Stuart-Overdorf reported that she has reviewed it and marked it up. Tanya will meet with Ernest Disney-Britton hopefully by the February meeting, but for sure by the March board meeting.

# VII. Closing Items

# A. Next Meeting

Ernest Disney-Britton stated the goal will be to approve the preliminary budget assumptions, projected expenses which will need to include anything with raises, PERF, TERF, professional development etc. We will need to complete the review of by-laws and board policies as well.

## B. Adjourn Meeting

- E. Disney-Britton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- T. Overdorf 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 4:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Disney-Britton