



Edison School of the Arts

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Location

Edison School of the Arts

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

Directors Present

G. Wallis, K. Feeney-Caito, K. Marshall, T. Givens, T. Overdorf

Directors Absent

E. Disney-Britton

Ex Officio Members Present

N. Tuttle

Non Voting Members Present

N. Tuttle

Guests Present

A. Berns, C. Jones

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Givens called a meeting of the board of directors of Edison School of the Arts to order on Tuesday Dec 17, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Adoption of the Agenda

T. Givens made a motion to adopt the agenda.

G. Wallis seconded the motion.

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

II. Opening Comments

A. Board Member Comments (2-min each)

There weren't any opening board member comments.

B. Public Comment (3-min each)

There weren't any opening public comments.

III. Consent Agenda

A. November Minutes

T. Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-19-19.

K. Feeney-Caito seconded the motion.

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

IV. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Dashboard Report

Committee chair Kelli Marshall, began by stating that the Academic Excellence Committee met on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Marshall provided the committee an update with a focus on teacher morale, attendance, suspension rates, ILEARN testing, and a proposed Saturday School. She also noted that student attendance is only at 91%, and we believe that weather has been a factor in lower attendance and that suspensions rate increased due to behavior concerns nearing Thanksgiving. She added that this

attendance trend would likely continue in January and February if the winter weather is bad. Marshall also shared that ILEARN testing will take place the week of March 16, 2020, for students grade 3-8 and that staff will notify parents in January about preparations including a Saturday tutoring. Lastly, she presented a proposal to create Saturday school test preparations for each of the four Saturdays in February. Staff proposes a \$5,000 stipend budget for tutors.

K. Marshall made a motion to approve Saturday school in the allotted amount of \$5,000 for the month of February.

T. Overdorf seconded the motion.

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

B. Academic Calendar

K. Marshall presented the attached 2020-2021 academic calendar.

A. Berns discussed that teachers, staff and families were polled on which calendar option they preferred for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Calendar option A was the preferred calendar.

K. Marshall made a motion to adopt calendar A for the 2020-2021 school year.

K. Feeney-Caito seconded the motion.

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

V. Finance Committee

A. November 2019 Financial Statements

Treasurer Greg Wallis began by stating the Finance Committee met on December 17, 2019. He gave an overview of the Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2019, for Edison School of the Arts, and shared that we continue to be on track to end the school year in the black. He also noted that Edison would be billing Indianapolis Public Schools for Title I funds this month. These title funds are a receivable and will be converted to cash as soon as IPS remits the funds to us. Edison has \$566,747 of cash-on-hand.

G. Wallis made a motion to approve the November financials.

T. Overdorf seconded the motion.

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

VI. Advancement Committee

A. Report

The Advancement Committee did not meet in December, but committee chair Kay Feeney-Caito shared comments and updates from the Director of Advancement (Penny is out-of-office). Kay reported that staff is preparing to apply for funding from Impact 100

Greater Indianapolis, Fortune Family Fund (Idaho), Glick Fund (Indiana), Lilly Foundation (Lilly Company), Sony USA Foundation (USA), and Indiana Department of Education. The committee has not yet reviewed the scope of those programs or the requirements. Nathan added that the Letter of Intent is due in January for the Impact 100, a charitable-giving women's circle dedicated to giving \$100,000 gifts at a time. Ted added that he'd like to have more information about the Glick Fund request before submission. Greg Wallis recommended that the committee add a grant tracking report, similar to the Academic Committee's Dashboard, to provide updates on solicitations, requests, and reporting. Lastly, Kay reported that the Director of Advancement considered the proposed Board Policy: #9704 Partnership Development and Management Policy too restrictive, and required unspecified revisions. Ted Givens suggested a 30-day timeline for review. T. Givens made a motion to authorize the LOI for impact 100 grant and that further grant information will be provided by the advancement committee during the next board meeting.

K. Feeney-Caito seconded the motion.

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

B. Charles Schwab Grant Acceptance

K. Feeney-Caito made a motion to accept the Charles Schwab grant.

T. Overdorf seconded the motion.

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

VII. Executive Director Report

A. Progress Report

Nathan Tuttle began by sharing that student enrollment stands at 619 and that 617 are on-site. He also added that Kennedy Center Teaching Artist Kimberli Boyd (dance) had completed her residency at Edison. The new Teaching Artist is Marcia Daft (music and movement). He also added that more in-depth data tracking had begun on the impact of Arts Integration. Nathan also reported that student suspensions are down 76% from this time last year and that no open staff positions.

VIII. Closing Items

A. New Business

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Givens

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Important Board Dates