



Edison School of the Arts

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday January 21, 2020 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

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

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

N. Tuttle

Non Voting Members Present

N. Tuttle

Guests Present

A. Berns, Angelia Moore, P. Guthrie (remote)

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 21, 2020 at 5:33 PM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Adoption of the Agenda

K. Feeney-Caito made a motion to approve the minutes from December Board Meeting on 12-12-17.

T. Givens 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. Minutes

A. December Minutes

K. Feeney-Caito made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 12-17-19.

T. Givens seconded the motion.

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

IV. Board Chair Report

A. Board Member Resignation

K. Marshall accepted the Chief Academic Officer position at a new high school. Due to a conflict of interest, she will not be able to continue her role as a board member at Edison School of the Arts.

B. Board Policy Book Update

E. Disney-Britton and N. Tuttle have reviewed all of the policies in the administration section.

E. Disney-Britton made a motion to adopt the administrative policies to be adjusted with gender neutral pronouns and clarity on type of contact information on the website.

G. Wallis seconded the motion.

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

C. Mind Trust Proposal - Expansion & Board Retreat

Over the last 60 days, there have been several meetings with Mind Trust between Edison's leadership team. We discussed how important it is to develop our 5-year plan. The Mind Trust is urging us to open a new school and to submit a letter that will start that exploratory process.

We are not obligated to begin for at least a year. Edison will begin investing in potential staff, planning and training.

N. Tuttle and A. Berns would have to train a leader and an assistant leader for here.

V. Academic Excellence Committee

A. Dashboard Report

The attendance average for the school year is 93%. In Week 18 there was a decline due to two, 2 hour delays and IPS not having school on that Friday before winter break. Out of school suspensions continue to decline. Edison is currently down by 76%. Student behavior can still be challenging, but we are trying alternatives to suspensions. English language arts and math interims are in and can be viewed to compare to view progress through the school year.

VI. Finance Committee

A. December 2019 Financial Statements

Budget vs. Actual

G. Wallis stated that In December, Edison had a significant increase and that represents the 214K that was billed to Indianapolis Public Schools for Title I funds. That was received in January and will be reflected in January financial statements. There were 3 payrolls in December. The money that came in from IPS that were related to the referendum are located in the revenue section of the Budget vs Actuals. This money is meant to help bolster staff salaries. There is \$224k of salary and benefits that (includes TRF and payroll taxes to invest in the teaching staff. N. Tuttle and A. Berns are applying recommendations on how the funds will be allocated. The salaries will be proposed to be retroactive to beginning of the year as well. We have to take into account TRF and payroll taxes. The professional development expenditure in December was higher due to having

two teaching artists. Edison financials are where they need to be at this point. The Walton Family Fund and Richard Fairbanks Foundation funds have been spent.

B. Update on Policy Book Section #6000 FINANCES

The G. Wallis has completed six policies and will review the remaining 16 policies.
T. Givens made a motion to accept the December financial statements.
K. Feeney-Caito seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Advancement Committee

A. Advancement Committee Report

K. Feeney- Caito discussed that The Third Space exhibit of Samuel Levi Jones took place during the week of January 13th-17th.

B. Grants Tracker Report

The advancement committee shared the Grant Tracker report reviewed during the committee meeting.

C. Update on Policy Book Section #9000 Relations

K. Feeney-Caito made a motion to adopt the policy ESA 9704.
E. Disney-Britton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Facilities & Safety Committee

A. Update on Policy Book Section #7000 Property

The committee reviewed the policies in July and T. Givens will review them with the new committee members at the next meeting in March.

IX. Executive Director Report

A. Progress Report

For enrollment next year, our classes are pretty full because we have had to continue to accept kids if we lose them. The first round is over January 31st. We are right on target right now. Edison is within the top 5 of most applied schools in the district. We have had 54 students withdrawal and 37 enroll. Already have 19 out of the 52 available spots enrolled for kindergarten. This year which is higher than last year. Additionally, We are working with Tina Seymor, The Mind Trust, to codify all of our systems. She is asking for all of our procedures in the building to be in a systematic fashion.

B.

Update on Policy Book Sections: #3000 Certified Staff; #4000 Classified Staff; and #5000 Students

N. Tuttle and the Board Chair met to review the Policy Book Sections: #3000 Certified Staff; #4000 Classified Staff; and #5000 Students.

X. Closing Items

A. Old Business

Finance Policy (Section #6000 G. Wallis)
Facility Policy (Section #7000 T. Givens)
Advancement Policy (Section #9000 K. Feeney-Caito)
Certified Staff Policy (Section #3000 N. Tuttle)
Student Policy (Section #5000 N. Tuttle)
Program Policy (Section #2000 A. Berns)

B. New Business

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Disney-Britton

D. Important Board Dates