APPROVED

Élan Academy Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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The matters listed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed. Other items not listed may be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. All agenda items are informational unless otherwise denoted, though all committee reports require a vote for acceptance. The meeting will be held on the campus of the school.

Directors Present
D. Barnes, D. Patin, G. Briggs, J. Stewart, J. Thibodeaux, R. Green, R. Watkins, S. Rademaker

Directors Absent
E. Marrero-Savoie, S. Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

D. Patin called a meeting of the board of directors of Élan Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Apr 26, 2023 at 6:02 PM.

C. Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda - Darren Patin (Voting)

Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda

Addition of Teacher Appreciation Week to New Business
G. Briggs made a motion to Approve April Meeting Agenda.
J. Thibodeaux seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Head of School Report

A. Head of School Report – Dr. Melanie Askew Clark (Voting)

D. Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes from the April Head of School Report.
R. Green seconded the motion.
Discussed the April Head of School Support
Discussed Senate Bill proposed by Dr. Bouie

NOLA PS is working on school renewal
LDOE:

- On February 16th, Dr. Brumley, Representative Delisha Boyd,OPSB President Olin Parker, our District School Board Member Nolan Marshall, and representatives for Dr. Avis Williams team visited Élan. Dr. Brumley had the opportunity to visit a few classrooms, see our partnership with NOLA Code in action, and speak with a few of our scholars.
- The focus for the academic year remains on 3rd and 4th grade reading intervention.

NOLA-PS:

- On Thursday, March 23rd, Superintendent Dr. Williams cited Élan Academy to the Rosenwald Campus located at 6501 Berkley Dr.

Facilities & Operations:

- OPSB conducted a facility inspection and the follow-up inspection was today. Items regarding electricity use, reporting, fire safety and plumbing are in process and should be completed during the procedures.

Human Resources:

- We accepted two resignations early from a teaching assistant and our special education coordinator. Both duties have been covered by current staff members.
- We are currently hiring for the upcoming school year.

Partnerships & Resources:

- We finalized our partnership with Country Day School. Our 8th graders will work with their 12th grade class through humanities and literature exhibition days next year.
- NSNO provided a grant to support our move to the Rosenwald Campus.
- Dr. Clark spoke at the Charter School Growth Funds Leaders of Scholars Conference in partnership with The Moth.
- We have begun working with a consultant through a grant to develop clear career pathways based on the recommendations of our strategic plan from Bellwether.

30% increase in teacher retention

Band and Latin instructors are needed

Partnering with Instructional Partners for educational
Partner with Uptown Arts this summer for enrichment
Spring Fest on May 6, 2023
Graduation on May 26, 2023
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Governance

A. Governance Committee Report - Darren Patin (Voting)

G. Briggs made a motion to approve the minutes from April Governance Report.
D. Barnes seconded the motion.
Discussed facilities in regards to move from present location to Rosenwald
Grant funds have been awarded to defray relocation costs
Vendor status discussed (food and janitorial)
Transportation RFP sent
CPA RPA has been sent
Discussed transition to Four Sector for back office services
Discuss 2023-24 proposed budget; begins May 16, 2023
Discussed Board Succession Plan and it will be distributed this week
Discussed HoS Evaluation Report
Discussed Board recruitment efforts

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

IV. Academic

A. Academic Committee Report –

R. Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from April Academic.
J. Stewart seconded the motion.
Discussed increase in MAP scores from Fall to Spring
Discussed building Instructional Capacity through additional coaching and support (partnership)
Discussed instructional alignment
Discussed increased parental understanding of achievement
Discussed the preparation of rising 8th grade students as they prepare for high school selection process
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Finance

A. Finance Committee Report – Roger Watkins (Voting)

J. Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance Committee Meeting on 04-19-23.
G. Briggs seconded the motion.
Discussed new vendor contract
March Financial Update
Q4 Consultation with NOPS
Budget will be discussed at May meeting
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Development

A. Development Committee Report –

No meeting in April
Give NOLA Day on Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Emails and Social Media posts

VII. Additional Business

A. Old Business

B. New Business - Darren Patin

Teacher Appreciation Week
Spring Fest May 6, 2023
Rosenwald Parent Tour- May 13, 2023
Art Extravaganza- May 20, 2023

VIII. 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 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Barnes

Guests are welcome to speak during each agenda item with recognition from the presiding officer. In the event to comments or debate may appear to be lengthy, the presiding officer will set a time limit the open comment period; will define the time length each person is afforded to speak; will recognize the order of the respondents, and each person will be asked to state their name, city, parish, and affiliation with the school (examples: employee, administration, parent, community guest, school board representative). This policy subject to change, as necessary.