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Rooted School - New Orleans

Minutes

MEETING OF THE ROOTED SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Finance Committee & Committee-of-the-Whole

Date and Time
Wednesday August 28, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location
6701 Press Drive
SUNO School of Education & Human Development Building
New Orleans, LA 70126

Rose Room

THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2024 WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING.

You may also join virtually using the link below with 24 hours prior notification to the school.

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30-JCE 2020, the Rooted School New Orleans Board hereby certifies that it will conduct all meetings scheduled for 2024 - 2025, in person (unless otherwise designated), at 6701 Press Dr. in the College of Education Building & Human Development on SUNO's campus in Rose Rm.

Board meetings shall be held in this manner until further notice.

Directors Present
L. Diaz, M. Quinn, S. Glapion

Directors Absent
A. Utley, G. Jones Herbert, K. Woods, S. Short

Ex Officio Members Present

F. Ingargiola

Guests Present
Amanda Lu, Andrew LeGrand, Colette Tippy, Dave Cash, K. Karpinski

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I. Opening Items

A. Rooted School Board of Directors Resignation - Kimberly Andrews

The board recognized the resignation of Dr. Kimberly Andrews and thanked her for the years of dedicated service to Rooted School and The Rooted School Board of Directors.

B. Record Attendance

C. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Quinn called a meeting of the board of directors of Rooted School - New Orleans to order on Wednesday Aug 28, 2024 at 6:03 PM.

D. Approve Minutes

The board will be unable to vote on any of the meeting's voting items due to not having quorum.
No quorum - No vote Taken

II. PUBLIC FORUM - #1

A. Notes from the Public Forum (If Applicable)

- Our Public Comment period is for members of the public to address the board.
- Each member of the public may sign up to comment at the meeting and will be allotted three - five minutes.
- The board will listen, but may not directly respond to any comments.
- Please do not use specific student, teacher or administrator names in your comments as our meetings are open to the public and public record, and we must adhere to FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. As such, if your comment is about a private matter, please contact the board via email, or speak to the board chair privately.

There was no public comment during the first public forum.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A.

Finance Committee FY 2024 - 2025 Budget Update - DISCUSSION

Shannon Glapion presented the June 2024 Rooted School financial report to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Shannon reviewed the current monetary deficit and reviewed the projected financial situation of the school moving into FY 24 - 25.

B. Board Member Duties and Responsibilities: 2024-25

Board member duties were reviewed and board contracts signed with one clarification of the number of consecutive terms a board member can serve and the total number of years a board member is able to serve.

C. Discussion: Afrotech Fundraising Opportunity

Mark Quinn outlined the fundraising possibilities offered by Afrotech and explained the options available for the school.

There will need to be more information shared and follow-up meetings prior to any formal commitment.

IV. BOARD ACTION ITEM(S):

A. SY 2024 - Board Bylaws Review & Update - Second Reading

No quorum - No Vote Taken

B. Selection & Approval of the New Auditors for FY 2024 - 2025

No quorum - No Vote Taken

C. Handbooks for 2024-25 School Year

No quorum - No Vote Taken

D. Draft Salary Schedule Approval

No quorum - No Vote Taken

V. School Leader and Executive Director Report

A. SCHOOL LEADER REPORT

- Kaitlin Karpinski presented the Rooted School Mission and reviewed how some of our graduates are currently doing in their academic/work lives 3 - 4 years later.
- Board members offered their reactions and insights to the stories of growth and professional development.
- Current enrollment is listed as 157 (# subject to change)

- Enrollment Goal = 168
- Kaitlin reviewed the areas of focus for SY 24 - 25 Professional Development
- A staffing overview was presented to the Board

VI. PUBLIC FORUM #2:

A. Notes from the Public Forum (If Applicable)

Collete Tippy asked if the Board would consider "reviewing" the ***Proposed Salary Scale i***n-lieu-of "voting" on it in order to expedite collective bargaining.

VII. 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 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Quinn