

APPROVED



GEO Academies EBR

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time

Friday May 25, 2018 at 2:30 PM

Location

GEO PREP MID-CITY 1900 Lobdell Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Directors Present

D. Slan, L. Anderson, L. Fontenot, L. Johnson, T. Bromley

Directors Absent

R. McGarner, T. Wade

Ex Officio Members Present

K. Teasley

Non Voting Members Present

K. Teasley

Guests Present

D. Teasley, S. Douglas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Johnson called a meeting of the board of directors of GEO Academies EBR to order on Friday May 25, 2018 at 2:44 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

T. Bromley made a motion to approve the Agenda.

L. Fontenot seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Minutes

L. Anderson made a motion to approve minutes from the Governing Board Meeting on 04-27-18 Governing Board Meeting on 04-27-18.

T. Bromley seconded the motion.

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

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board Chair opened for comment, none at this time, however approximately 30 parents and teachers were in attendance from both schools.

III. GEO Prep Academy Discussion

A. Academic Update

Ms. Clay, School Principal, presented the academic update, noting specific grades for excellence in reaching their academic targets in NWEA, strengths of the leadership team.

Areas of improvement for next year will be increasing content area knowledge for teachers.

Ms. Porter, Executive Master Teacher, presented the Louisiana Dept of Education's review of the school's TAP program, noting the scores were well above the average, in the 4-5 range. ("Above Proficient")

B. Review Current Financials

D. Slan made a motion to Approve the financials as presented.

L. Fontenot seconded the motion.

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

School Treasurer Dana Teasley presented the financials.

C. Approve 2018-19 Planning Budget

L. Fontenot made a motion to Approve the financials as presented.

T. Bromley seconded the motion.

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

School Treasurer Dana Teasley presented the planning budget.

D. Approve New Facility Financing

The Board discussed the facility financing for the upcoming King of France purchase, including the financing with Business First Bank and the security guarantee to be provided by GEO. The Board agrees in concept via consensus, but will have their attorney review the documentation and approve at the next meeting.

IV. GEO Prep Mid-City Discussion

A. Academic Update

Ms. Ross, Elementary Principal presented the Academic Report, including TAP observation scores. Ms. Ross highlighted growth in specific grades, particularly K and 1 and 5, in NWEA. Ms. Ross also review DIBLES results. Strengths for the year were implementing the TAP program with fidelity for the year. Goals for next year will be improving communications with families to improve community.

Mr. Fontenot, Secondary Principal, presented the Academic Report, noting outstanding math scores on NWEA. He further noted good growth on reading, but will continue to focus on continued growth.

Ms. Porter, Executive Master Teacher, presented the Louisiana Dept of Ed's evaluation of the school's TAP program. (Elementary and Middle.) It was found overall to be "Proficient", which she described as "almost unheard of" in a first-year school.

B. Review Current Financials

Business Officer Dana Teasley reviewed the current financials for the school. The Board discussed, and had specific questions regarding available funding for summer school. Teasley and Lead Principal Douglas noted for the board that 250 students would be served with Title I funding in a 4 week session.

L. Fontenot made a motion to approve the financials.

T. Bromley seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve 2018-19 Planning Budget

T. Bromley made a motion to approve budgets.

L. Anderson seconded the motion.

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

V. New Business Discussion

A. Board Training

A representative from the Louisiana Association of Charter Schools and Board on Track gave a presentation on Board Roles and Responsibilities. The Board discussed further setting up facility and finance committees.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Fontenot made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

T. Bromley seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Teasley