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GEO Academies EBR

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 4:30 PM

Location
GEO PREP Academy - 2311 Sherwood Forest Dr. Baton Rouge 70815 (Office Building - Former Rectory)

Directors Present
D. Slan, L. Fontenot, L. Johnson, R. McGarner

Directors Absent
L. Anderson, T. Bromley, T. Wade

Ex Officio Members Present
K. Teasley

Guests Present
D. Teasley, Nicole Honore, 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 Wednesday Sep 26, 2018 at 4:47 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

R. McGarner made a motion to approve minutes from the July Board Meeting on 07-31-18 July Board Meeting on 07-31-18.
L. Fontenot seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Review

A. Kevin Teasley Update

K. Teasley provided an update on enrollment, academic growth, and TAP implementation at both school sites. Prep Academy stands at approximately 500 students and Mid-City at 700 students. Enrollment counts will be finalized Oct 1. NWEA growth data indicates growth is occurring across content and grade levels at both schools. Prep Academy is currently ranked in the top 3.5% (math) and 5.44% (reading) in the country. Similarly, Mid-City's growth was in the top 8.2% (math) and 45.5% (reading). Language Arts growth was in the top 26.5% (Prep) and 44.6% (Mid-City). Both schools outperformed the state in both ELA and math growth on LEAP, as well as the state's black and economically disadvantaged populations. K. Teasely also provided an update on the third party review of TAP implementation, which is conducted by NIET. Prep Academy's overall score was 4.01 and Mid-City's score was 3.72, which indicates both schools are "rock solid" with implementing TAP with fidelity.

B. Sandra Douglas Update

S. Douglas shared the 2018-19 goal of the schools, which if achieved should result in a letter grade of B at Prep Academy and C or better at Mid-City. In addition, S. Douglas discussed the various interventions and supports in place to achieve the goal, which includes study skills being taught by Master Teachers, ELA and Math Labs at Mid-City, Edgenuity and Odyssey to help move students to masterly level, weekly data meetings, Robotics course, and partnerships with City Year and Brothers Empowered to Teach.

III. Other Business

A. NSBR Launch Grant

K. Maggoire shared that NSBR's Investment Committee is recommending funding for GEO's Launch grant at a level of $150,000 to support middle school expansion and $400,000 for high school. Final approval of funding will be given at the Oct 8th NSBR Board Meeting. In addition, the Board acknowledged and thanked NSBR for the various ways in which support and funding has been provided to GEO schools--City Year, Relay Graduate School, Brothers Empowered to Teach, curriculum materials and supplies, playground equipment, Board on Track, and Strategic Consultants.

B. BRPD Adopt a School

R. McGarner introduced M. Daniels, who announced the selection of GEO Prep Academy schools to be adopted by the BRPD. Through this partnership, GEO schools will receive school safety assessments, safety training for faculty (i.e., active shooter training), family adoptions at Thanksgiving, motivation for LEAP Testing, etc. L. Johnson thanked M. Daniels, R. McGarner, and BRPD for their ongoing support of GEO.

C. LDE Interview for Type 5 Charter

K. Teasley reminded the Board of the Oct 18th interview with the LDE for its Type 5 Charter Application. LDE approval will enable GEO to become a state authorized Type 5 charter provider. Board members should attend.

D. White Linen Luncheons

K. Teasley shared plans to begin white linen luncheon events, which are designed as an opportunity to showcase the GEO model and students and engage with community and corporate leaders in a manner that results in establishing and strengthening partnerships/sponsorships. The first luncheon event is scheduled for Oct 18th from Noon – 1:00pm at the GEO Prep Professional Development Center. Board members are invited to attend.

E. Next Board Meeting

L. Johnson shared the next Board meeting will be moved from Oct 26 to Oct 18. Exact time TBD.

IV. 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 5:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Teasley