



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17, 2023

3:30 PM- 5:30 PM

### **Members Present**

Ashley Acuff  
Breanca Merritt  
Chris Cesnik  
Susan Vogt  
Michael Bowling  
Shayna Sangster  
James Taylor  
Susan Adams  
Valerie Davis  
Beth Uselmann  
Tracy Guerrero  
Josh Bowling

### **Members Absent**

Ranisha Martin  
Marie Mackintosh  
Mariana Lopez-Owens

### **Staff Present**

Ross Pippin  
Dana Larson  
Anuja Petruniw  
Brandon House

### **Guests**

Shareyna Chang  
Brian Dickey  
Brian Anderson

Ms. Breanca Merritt called the January 17, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:32 PM.

Ms. Merritt proposed for the approval of November minutes. Ms. Tracy Guerrero made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ashley Acuff seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

### **Finance:**

Mr. Brian Anderson reviewed the December financials. Mr. Anderson highlights that there are not a lot of big changes since November's meeting. The organization is where we thought we would be budget-wise. Mr. Anderson flagged budget implications and understanding changes to cash flow when planning for two school sites as things to keep on the radar for the upcoming months. Mr. Anderson discusses ideas for investing cash on hand that the organization may consider moving forward.

### **Academics**

Mrs. Dana Larson reviewed Thomas Gregg Neighborhood School's MOY NWEA results. Mrs. Larson compared scores from 22-23 to 21-22 and highlighted an enrollment increase of roughly 40 students from this point last year to now. Mrs. Larson outlined the school's intentions for reacting to the data as well as keeping an eye on how IPS fares with the change in assessment window to February for 2023 MOY.

Mrs. Larson shared the plan to utilize a curriculum selection committee to review Reading programs for consideration beginning fall of SY 2023-24. The committee will attend overview presentations for both options in the next two weeks.

### **Operations**

Mrs. Anuja Petruniw reviewed the enrollment summary as of 1/13/23. Enrollment is at 563.

Mrs. Petruniw shared a personnel report including resignations, terminations and current vacancies. Mrs. Petruniw shared plans to provide an intent to return form with staff in the coming weeks in order to begin planning for SY 23-24.

Mrs. Petruniw gave an update on family and partner engagement through the month of December and looking forward to January and February.

Mr. Ross Pippin shared an update regarding Washington Irving. Mr. Pippin highlighted immediate plans for moving forward with hiring, addressing maintenance needs at the school site and utilizing Social Legends to support family engagement.

Mr. Mike Bowling raised concerns around budgeting with the current enrollment at Washington Irving and would like to know if there is any update from IPS about increasing the funding in order to support students. Mr. Pippin shared his most up to date understanding that included how ESSER dollars will be allocated and how he intends to strategically ask for funding to support the work at the new school.

In relation to enrollment, Ms. Susan Vogt shared her opinion around the importance of getting in front of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association as soon as possible. The group intends to act on this and Ms. Vogt will work to obtain information about the next meeting.

### **Strategic Planning**

Mr. Pippin provided an update on progress. The members can expect next steps via email.

### **Resource Development**

Mr. Pippin shared a donation for \$10,000 that was secured to support the purchase of library books. The Learning Loss Grant reallocation will also support the library update to the tune of \$65,000..

### **Committee Updates**

Mr. Pippin gave a committee update and indicated most committees are on hold until strategic planning is complete.

### **Closing Items**

Dr. Adams moved to adjourn. Ms. Acuff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:47.

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Dr. Susan Adams, Board Chair

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Recorded by Dana Larson