**MOVEMENT SCHOOL BOARD | MEETING MINUTES**

*01.08.20*

**Board Members: Casey Crawford, Frank Martin, Garrett McNeill, Montel Watson, Tim Hurley, Michelle**

 **Crawford**

**School Leadership Team Members: Jamie Sumter, Barbara Robinson, Alisha Carr, Gabrielle McCall Riley,**

 **Cecilia Armour**

**Members Present:** Frank Martin, Montel Watson, Michelle Crawford, Garrett McNeil, Jamie Sumter, Tim Hurley, Alisha Carr, Gabrielle Riley, Barbara Robinson, Cecilia Armour

**Guest Attendees**: Kimberlee Bielan (PTO Member)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 by TH.

Meeting agendas reviewed and passed out at 9:02.

Members reviewed the minutes from the 11.13.19 meeting. (The Board did not meet in December)

GM motioned to approve the 11.13.19 minutes. MC seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Movement West Business**

**Academics**

Teachers returned from winter break last Thursday (January 2nd), and participated in two workdays before students returned this week. During these workdays teachers participated in professional development related to casting their visions for 2020, and specifically what they need to work on to help their vision happen. As a staff, they created a vision board. JS feels this exercise was helpful for staff and provided insight into the types of supports teachers need. School has been back in session for three days (with students), and the atmosphere is calm and purposeful.

Quarter 3 benchmarks will take place later this month. This data will be shared with the board during the February meeting.

**Culture**

Behavior

There are some students who are at the end of their behavior plans/contracts and have not made progress towards sustaining behaviors that are safe and appropriate for school. JS and AC are working with the school social worker to determine next steps for these students and families and will keep the board informed. JS and AC will work with the board’s grievance committee through the process as well.

Attendance

JS shared that attendance is trending lower than desired. The school year started at 94% daily attendance and for the last several months has been at 92%. JS and AC are working with the social worker to see what other supports and initiatives can be put in place to improve attendance. There remains a small number of students who are chronically absent. Figuring out how to support these families specifically is tasking. The team continues to brainstorm ideas and reach out to community supports.

FM asked for a report about tardies as well. JS will make sure we have this data to share at the February meeting.

**Financial Update**

The team had a budget meeting with Acadia yesterday, which went well. The budget is healthy even with unexpected expenses. There was a projection of a $138,000 surplus, and after the meeting with Acadia, we were at a surplus of $125,000. The team feels good that their projections and actuals are becoming tighter.

**Facilities**

Expansion Project

GM continues to work with contractors and the city to on the expansion project. The plan is to start “moving dirt” in April. The building will be precast concrete and will look like the building expansion at Movement Mortgage’s headquarters.

GM continues to have partnership opportunity conversations with community organizations. Two organizations are likely partners and will use the facility during non-school hours for community purposes.

**Network Business**

Committees

TH shared the need to set up the established committees and start having committee meetings. The goal is to have these set up by February.

Volunteer Calendar

The goal is for TH, AC, and MC to meet to discuss this further before the next meeting.

Access to Community Park

MC presented a check for $13,500 and $750 from the golf tournament. She is still waiting for a check for $600, and will pass it along once it comes. These funds were raised for the construction of the walkway between the school and the park behind the school for our 4th and 5th grade students. The check was giving to GR.

Miscellaneous

AC presented the board members with gifts from Movement School Freedom (long-sleeve t-shirts with the school logo).

**Movement East Business**

Updates

In December, we continued our efforts to reach out to the community to raise awareness about our school. We continue to host coffee and conversations with interested parents and partnered with local organizations to present to immigrant and refugee parents who are learning English. We also met with parents at a neighborhood preschool to share about our program.

We continue to post on our Facebook page (our goal is 2-3 times/week), and are brainstorming ideas for how to boost views of our page.

On December 23rd, we hosted a free event for the community, “Selfies with Santa,” where parents brought their children for photos with Santa, hot chocolate, movies and more! We had about 50 people come and participate and hope to do it again next year.

On December 30th, we began radio marketing on WFAE (Charlotte’s NPR station), and plan to meet with other radio broadcasting stations this month to explore marketing to different demographics.

As of the end of December, we have 72 applications for kindergarten and 17 applications for first grade. In January, our team will meet with the marketing team within Movement Mortgage to brainstorm some ideas of ways to boost applications, specifically for first grade. Ideas include featuring parents who have applied on our website through video testimonials (i.e. “Why I’m choosing Movement School Eastland.”), asking parents to host information parties in their homes and inviting their friends, etc.

Facilities

The recent (and ongoing) rain has been a bit troubling, but with anticipated dryer weather, the contractors feel confident they will be able to lay the foundation for the new build for Movement School Eastland. The goal is to get the roof on the new build as soon as possible. Steel will be in by the end of the month. Everything else related to construction is in place, and the contractors are itching to get the roof up, as they know it will allow things to go much faster. Once we have everything under a roof, we will have a clearer timeline.

There are also conversations with Novant to explore the possibility of using some of the space on the second level of the new build for health clinic purposed. If these conversations turn into a plan and a partnership, the second level of the new build will not be fully outfitted until the summer of 2021. This would be OK, as it will allow the contractors to focus on making sure construction is completed for the school which means the initial build of the school would include the renovation of the old grocery store, and the first floor of the new build.

This is also our contingency plan.

TH moved to adjourn. MC seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:47.

Closed Session(s): None.