



IVY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Public Charter Schools of Excellence

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday, April 15, 2018 , 7:15 PM
Gwinnett Campus

Welcome and Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by chair, Jason Allen, at 7:16pm.

Board Members Present: Allen, Lucas, Shepherd, Thompson, Epps, Tate (via phone. Joined at 7:38pm)

Board Members Absent: Gray

Network Staff Attendees: Cromartie, Sharp, Cole, Harris, Richardson, Croom, Nichols

Summary of Actions:

- Joining of Boards: Motion by Lucas, Seconded by Epps
- Approval of the Agenda with removal of the student presentation: Motion by Epps, Seconded by Shepherd. Unanimous vote.
- Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes with the the amendment of removing the student presentation change by Epps Seconded by Lucas. Unanimous Vote.

Executive Director's Report

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- On last week we received a monitoring visit from the Federal Program Director. Ivy has made great strides with financial reporting and compliance.
- Transition plan
 - Ivy will be treated as a new school by FY20.
- A number of parent meetings have been held to discuss transition options for Ivy families. Feedback received has been positive. Meetings are still ongoing.
- Based on CCRPI data there is a concern about the number of students with mental health concerns. Title Four funds are being used to provide vendor services for bullying, suicidal thoughts, and other therapeutic work.

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- During this summer the instructional coach will be reviewing two math programs: Eureka Math and Illustrative Math..... One of the programs is currently
- Enrollment Update: Kirkwood held the lottery and classes are full. The ED would like to have further discussion about the possibility of utilizing current space for additional scholars. There are still a few hundred on the waiting list.
- Dr. Nichols secured a grant to have the Power My Learning program at Kirkwood. The program will be implemented on May 5th. Once scholars complete the training, each scholar will received a laptop and educational software.
- Kirkwood has received two donations. Second Mt. Vernon \$1000 and Learning Tree \$300.

Public Comment

1. Wendy Baldwin (Gwinnett Parent) - Received an award for PTA Unit as a local unit of the year. Ms. Baldwin plans to file a complaint with PSC. Mrs. Baldwin is upset that she still has not been added to the parent communication list. Expressed ongoing concerns about communication.
2. Katrina Browns (Gwinnett PLO)
3. Jazzmin Baldwin - Expressed concerns about lack of communication from leadership. The scholars have stated that they did not feel prepared for Milestones. Parents requested tutoring

Committee Reports

- **Governance**

- Nepotism has been reviewed by the board. The recommendation was made to change the name from Personal Relationships in the Workplace. A request was made by Mary Shepherd to have further discussion about the policy before it is presented for a vote.
- Motion to approve the proposed organizational structure by Shepherd. Seconded by Lucas. Unanimous vote.
- Promotion and Retention Policy has been received and reviewed. Final edits have not been made. The finalized version will be voted on for approval will be moved to May for a vote.
- Board participation policy has been reviewed and revised to make sure that all stakeholders and board members understand how to participate in meetings.
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- Motion by Thompson. Seconded by Epps. Unanimous vote.
- Family Engagement has been reviewed and revised. Motion by Shepherd. Seconded by Thompson. Unanimous vote.
- Grievance Policy has been reviewed. Additional research is being done

Motion by Epps. Seconded by Shepherd.

- **Academic**

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- **Finance**

- Financial report by CFO
 - The sale of the Pizza Hut building has been placed on hold. We are looking a little more strategically at which businesses will move into the space.
 - We have submitted paperwork to request a property tax reassessment so that we can be properly taxed as a non-profit.
 - Enrollment update. Current status: Kirkwood - 476, Gwinnett - 83.
 - Shepherd asked what is the current estimate of the moving expense for Gwinnett. A detailed breakdown has not been provided from facilities.
- **Executive**
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 - We have received a request from the Executive Director for recommendations for participants for the Women at Ivy breakfast. The original date will need to be modified due to other network activities.
 - Board Chair asked if the GAP Fact Sheet for Gwinnett has already been distributed to the parents. The Fact Sheet is currently posted on the website, but is scheduled to be distributed to the families on tomorrow.

Motion to amend the agenda to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal issues. Motion by Lucas. Seconded by Shepherd. Unanimous vote. Executive session ended at 10:25pm. Motion to end the meeting at 10:25 by Epps, Seconded by Shepherd.

Announcement of Next Meeting Date

Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:15pm, Kirkwood Campus

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm by . Seconded by .

Kimberly J. Lucas, Board Secretary

Date