

The Soulard School
Board of Directors Meeting
4/22/21 held via Zoom

Board members present: Jay DeLong (President), Meghan Grubb, Ron Kampwerth, Jamie Boyer

Board members absent: Basiyr Rodney, Steve Groves, Jim Holloran

Staff: Sarah Christman, Eleanor White, Kate Brothers

Observer: Bill Mendelsohn (UMSL)

Notes: Eleanor

1. Welcome & Opening Comments
2. Review minutes from March meeting - approved unanimously
3. Board updates:
 - a. Jim not able to attend today, but can vote by proxy through Jay if needed
 - b. Basiyr stepping down from Board due to other work obligations, effective immediately
 - i. Emphasizes need to grow board in coming months
4. School updates - Sarah
 - a. MAP testing has begun and gone smoothly for the ½ of 4th grade that has completed it
 - i. Other classes to begin next week
 - b. First covid cases in school that required quarantine of classes/staff
 - i. All tested negative and no evidence of in-school transmission
 - c. Summer school
 - i. Being offered for first time this year
 - ii. Eleanor and Laura Grace organizing
 - iii. 4 TSS teachers will provide instruction to approximately 50 students
 - d. Admissions
 - i. Second lottery held 4/15/21
 - ii. Waiting lists at all grade levels, including 33 students on kindergarten waitlist
 - e. Sent community message regarding Derek Chauvin verdict with focus on our goals around diversity, inclusion and social justice
 - i. Will forward to board today
5. Policy updates - Kate Brothers, Special Education Director
 - a. Under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), several policies need updating
 - b. All policies will go on our website
 - i. Foster Care Dispute Resolution Policy
 - ii. ChildFind Notice - it's our responsibility as public school to reach out and find students who qualify under IDEA (sped) and provide services
 - iii. LAU plan - program for English Language Learners - defines for everyone what ELL is, what it means to be identified as ELL, what kind of services

we offer and how we identify students as ELL (enrollment form + screening)

- iv. Special Education Records notice - student records are confidential and lets people know who does/does not have right to access them
 - v. Seclusion, Isolation & Restraint Policy - rewritten to provide needed updates to meet all policies/laws, including forms provided to families
 - c. Motion to adopt all 5 plans - approved unanimously
 - d. (Kate leaves meeting)
6. Financials - Jamie
- a. Finance committee met Tues. 4/20 w/ Shannon Spradling and Sarah to review recent financials
 - b. Finances continue to look good, especially with CARES Act/ESSER funds coming in, and state funding continuing at predicted levels
 - c. Audit recommendations continue to be addressed
 - d. Vote to approve monthly financials - approved unanimously
7. Board Development
- a. Goal is to push more detail work into subcommittees
 - b. Prioritize DE&I committee work in next few meeting
 - i. Meghan has reached out to 4 different organizations that offer equity audits
 - 1. Meeting w/ In Purpose Ed Services next week
 - 2. Education Equity Center - Sherita Love - to talk w/ Meghan in 2 weeks about equity audit
 - c. Summit follow-up meeting in June?
8. Annual Fund Update
- a. Already at \$12,000 in donations
 - b. Will send info to board members about making asks from friends
 - c. For GiveStL Day (5/6/21), hope to be on leaderboard all day (like last year)
9. Adjournment