

The Soulard School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
5/27/21 held via Zoom

Board members present: Jay DeLong (President), Meghan Grubb, Ron Kampwerth,, Steve Groves, Jim Holloran

Board members absent: Jamie Boyer

Staff: Sarah Christman, Eleanor White

Observer: Tad Hartmann (UMSL)

Notes: Eleanor

1. Welcome & Opening Comments
2. Mini-Grant update - 2020-21 mini-grants received by Tad @ UMSL and should be processing.
3. Review and approval of April 2021 minutes - approved unanimously
4. School updates
  - a. Last day of school yesterday (5/26)
    - i. Good end of the year including safe outdoor social celebrations
  - b. Covid policy updates
    - i. Ending daily temp/health checks, but sending parents info on symptom monitoring at home
    - ii. Staff will continue to wear masks when with kids, but can remove if fully vaccinated when working alone or with other vaccinated adults
    - iii. Staff and students can continue to remove masks when outside
    - iv. Made it through the year with no documented in-person transmission
    - v. How can school ask about vaccine status for staff/students/new hires?
      1. Sarah/Eleanor to set meeting with attorney
5. 2021-22 School Calendar
  - a. No major changes from 2020-21 calendar except moving lottery date 1 month later
  - b. Review and approve - approved unanimously
6. Finance Committee Update - Jay
  - a. Reviewed dashboard from last month
  - b. Will be meeting soon about 2021-22 budget and SEC to TSS budget transfers
  - c. Megan - goal is to have 10% reserve - what is status of this?
    - i. Will require more work with TSS/SEC coordination
    - ii. For this year, could exceed 10%
    - iii. Jim - next meeting can report about state of donations after June SEC meeting (next week)
      1. Sarah will provide Development Plan at SEC meeting - inviting Jay and Jamie.
      2. Due to federal/state funds, TSS has not needed SEC support this year as much as anticipated

- 3. High needs still to increase teacher salaries as well as address building needs - want to balance this with growing the reserve
  - iv. Overall, we are in a great position financially to address many needs though
  - d. Review and approve April financials - approved unanimously
- 7. Board Summit follow up
  - a. Follow up meeting set for Thurs. 7/1, 3:00-4:30
  - b. Committees next steps
    - i. Need heads/members for:
      - 1. Education Committee - needs new head
        - a. Need additional committee members (non-board members) with background in education
      - 2. Governance Committee
      - 3. Building/facilities Committee (may be short/med term)
    - c. Need to identify new board members who can help lead/strengthen committees
- 8. Transition @ UMSL
  - a. Bill retiring, Susan Marino to be next Director of Charter Schools as of 7/1/21
  - b. Sarah feels confident in Susan's ability to lead the UMSL charter schools and continue to support us as UMSL has done
- 9. UMSL Annual Review
  - a. Bill & Tad provided review of staffing/governance
  - b. Other portions about Special Education and Finance done by other members of UMSL team
  - c. Susan will be reviewing our MAP test scores in fall
  - d. Final copy of Annual Review will be sent out to board within next few weeks - does not need to be approved by board, but should be read and considered by board members
  - e. Jay - how will MAP scores be shared w/ the community?
    - i. Sarah - it's changing this year to include more info on schools' growth for specific populations in addition to basic scores
      - 1. Media will process it and try to categorize
    - ii. Data will be sent to schools sometime in fall, but no date set. Then released to media, then individual reports sent to families.
- 10. Adjournment