

The Soulard School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
7/22/21, 1:00 held via Zoom

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

Board members absent: Jamie Boyer

Nominee to join board: Pam Retzlaff

Staff: Sarah Christman, Eleanor White

Observers/guests: Susan Marino, UMSL

Notes: Eleanor

1. Welcome & Opening Comments
2. Proposed new member - Pam Retzlaff
  - a. Review resume
    - i. Has great education leadership background including Webster Groves and Biome School, can lead Education Committee
  - b. Vote to approve - approved unanimously
  - c. Introductions
3. Review and approve notes from June meeting - approved unanimously
4. Child Internet Protection Act - Eleanor White
  - a. Review Parent Handbook and School Policy Manual policies for internet safety
5. College Kids program - Eleanor White
  - a. School to join - will provide contact info for all KG families so they can receive \$50 savings account from city, potential to grow over time
6. Financials - Ron Kampwerth
  - a. Finance Committee feeling that school is on good course for 2021-22
  - b. Revenue \$200,000 remaining (15% of annual spend) - above planned surplus of \$50,000 projected
  - c. What is planned surplus for 2021-22?
    - i. Required 5%, goal is 10%
    - ii. Anticipate cash balance similar to current at end of next fiscal year
  - d. Vote to approve financials - approved unanimously
7. Committees
  - a. Steve to lead Governance Committee - to meet w/ Sarah in next month
  - b. Building Committee -
    - i. Dana Brown Charitable Trust grant - \$20k for library - books, shelves, lighting in hallway (\$8k for books/curriculum, \$12k for others)
      1. Use as starting point for Building Committee - pull in some parents/etc. who are architects, real estate people, contractors
      2. Timeline about 1 year - to do any construction next summer?
      3. Original ask was for \$50k, so would love to stretch the grant with some in-kind donations/consult work
8. Board PD opportunities

- a. Tueth-Keeney trainings in August
  - i. Pam will attend 8/2 presentation on Title IX and 8/6 Sunshine Laws
  - ii. Steve will attend 8/4 presentation on legislative update/virtual learning
- 9. Other business
  - a. MCPSA says current pending federal legislation could eliminate federal funding for charter schools if they use any for-profit contract services
    - i. Probably intended to just affect charters that are managed entirely by a for-profit company, but could be problematic even if it's just ambiguous
- 10. School update - MAP scores for individual students will be sent to school 8/2
- 11. Next meeting - August 26
- 12. Adjournment (1:47)