

The Soulard School
Board of Directors Meeting
9/22/22, 4:00 held via Zoom

Board members present: Jay DeLong, Steve Groves, Jamie Boyer, Pam Retzlaff

Board members absent: Ron Kempworth, Anne Kraus

Administrators/presenters: Sarah Christman, Samantha Fisher, Eleanor White, Shenika Bishop

Guests: Susan Marino, UMSL Sponsor ED

Notes: Eleanor/Samantha

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome & Opening Comments
3. Review consent agenda items
 - a. *Approved unanimously*
4. MAP Test Results - Education Committee, Shenika
 - a. Results are preliminary, but we do not plan to challenge any of our scores
 - i. Will become public in a few months
 - b. Literacy is comparable to state average
 - c. Math for 3-4th is lower, but 5th is higher than state average
 - d. Science - comparable, improving
 - e. Looking at school, state and other charters/districts 2021 vs. 2022
 - i. Mix of scores - we are doing well in literacy compared to state average, and outperforming many other charters and SLPS, but room to grow in math
 - f. Takeaways
 - i. We are making growth, likely due to:
 1. Student/teacher familiarity w/ testing
 2. Curriculum continuity in phonics and math
 3. Moving away from the pandemic disruptions (though still a lot of disruption last year)
 - ii. Teachers are getting better at looking at data and responding to it
 - iii. Will review w/ teachers in October
 - iv. Will provide additional PD in math teaching
 - v. While there's room for growth, we likely have the highest or one of the highest test scores within the city non-selective schools
5. School Related Items
 - a. Enrollment update
 - i. Currently at 128 students
 - b. Staff update
 - i. Have contract offer for 2nd grade teacher opening
 - c. Events
 - i. Curriculum nights this week - great turn out, positive feedback
6. Updated covid response - Reopening Plan
 - a. Creates red/yellow/green levels of response based on school number of active cases
 - b. Updates quarantine processes to match CDC while also continuing some extra testing
 - c. Reopening Plan has been shared with parents and staff and will be revised and finalized next week and posted on website
7. Strategic Plan
 - a. Gladiator Consulting has begun their work

- i. Will do artifact review to learn more about the school
 - ii. Will then do focus groups/conversations with stakeholders including board members
- 8. Development Update
 - a. Clovers & Stars fundraising event - Oct. 28
 - i. Headlining act: Diesel Island
 - ii. Afterparty
 - iii. No covid restrictions this year, so will be welcoming more parents to event
 - 1. Planning to offer free childcare for families at school
 - iv. Still looking for sponsors
 - v. Still collecting addresses for people to receive invites
 - vi. Event is free, with requests for donations and silent auction
 - vii. Jay - note event could be during game #1 of World Series
- 9. Adjournment (4:47 p.m.)

The Soulard School Board Meeting public participation provides each speaker no more than 3 minutes and each topic is limited to no more than 20 minutes except with the concurrence of the majority of the Board of Directors.

Next Meeting Thursday, October 27th 4pm