

The Soulard School
Board of Directors Meeting
7/16/20 held via Zoom
Soulard School

TSS Members Present:, Jay, Jamie, Jim, Basiyr, Nick

TSS Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Sarah, Shannon, Eleanor, Patsy

Notes: Patsy, Eleanor

1. **Welcome & Opening Comments**
2. **Approve Meeting Notes (June) - unanimously**
3. **School Updates**
 - a. Reopening Plans
 - i. Community email was received well. Trying to get next correspondence out next week which will have more information re: distance, in person hybrid option. Creating videos about drop off procedures; Staff hello & saying mask video; what it will be like coming into building; teachers doing videos on classrooms
 - ii. Dr. Eckels came through main school building (not Boys Club)
 - iii. Basiyr question: how faculty and staff feel about plans: some are apprehensive; some taking "wait and see" approach
 - iv. Contingency plans for when staff are out
 - v. Hiring - open positions:
 1. Part-time special ed teacher
 2. Part-time speech-language pathologist
 3. Subs - regular and 1 long-term
 4. Aftercare support
 5. Paraprofessional
4. **Monthly Financials (June)**
 - a. New dashboard of budget to present to board monthly
 - i. Request to highlight problems/issues
 - ii. If variance greater than x%, can note
 - b. Current financials
 - i. 2019-20 revenue came within \$5000 of projections
 - c. Motion to approve June financials - approved unanimously
 - d. PPP loans - no follow up from media
5. **2020-21 Budget**
 - a. Review 2020-21 budget projections as approved in June
 - i. No changes needed at this time, but should review monthly and can anticipate further cuts from state

- ii. Should we be concerned that Gov. Parson could pressure schools to open in-person or lose funding? - Waiting to hear from DESE about possibilities
 - iii. Funding issue could be in offering "distance learning" vs. "virtual learning"
 - iv. Budget presupposes in-person education - what changes would be needed if change to distance?
 - 1. Food budget decreases
 - 2. Tech budget may increase?
 - 3. Would not anticipate staff changes, since all would be needed for distance ed
- b. Cleaning Bids
- i. Eleanor will send to board in the next few days - waiting on 2 more.
 - ii. Increasing cleaning to 5 days a week
 - iii. Will be roughly \$20-25,000 for 12 months

6. Board Roles & Growth

- a. Goal to add 3-5 board members before October
- b. Fall retreat, Discussion & Strategic Planning
 - i. Postpone until spring since so much uncertainty?
 - ii. Need to develop and plan to address sponsor recommendations
 - 1. Jay will discuss with Bill from UMSL about timelines and goals
 - a. Propose focus on committees at this time, but postpone strategic planning until spring
- c. Professional Development Opportunities- Tueth Keeney Charter Law Virtual Seminars

7. Other Business

- a. Next Meeting 8/20 1pm virtually
- b. Additional state CARES Act funding? - DESE is still developing grant process for distributing \$25mil in aid

8. Adjourn