

The Soulard School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
8/30/20 held via Zoom  
Soulard School

TSS Members Present: Jay DeLong, Jamie Boyer, Steve Groves, Jim Holloran

TSS Members Absent: Basiyr Rodney

Staff Present: Sarah, Eleanor, Shannon

Notes: Eleanor

1. Welcome & Opening Comments
2. Board growth
  - a. Postponing adding new members for now until school year gets underway
3. Board roles
  - a. Steve Groves to be Board Secretary - approved unanimously
4. Approve meeting notes (July, Special Session) - approved unanimously
5. Distance learning and restart plan for first trimester - review
  - a. Question - if we want to, could we return earlier? Yes.
    - i. We are offering an "intermittently blended" model of instruction, which allows for flexibility in switching between in-person and distance learning
6. Motion to adopt trimester-based education calendar for 2020-21 and approve distance learning plan for first trimester - approved unanimously
7. School reopening update - Sarah
  - a. Having 2 weeks of prep and PD with staff has been great - combo of in person and virtual meetings
  - b. Did walk-through for pre-k yesterday, and doing drive through supplies pick up and meet teachers today.
  - c. Shenika doing a great job of introducing herself to the community and jumping into leadership role
  - d. Will lack of subs impact classroom learning?
    - i. With distance learning, should not have as much of an impact
  - e. Financials
  - f. Review updated budget
    - i. Shannon: we have set the budget conservatively, but still concerned that if state economy doesn't recover, there may be further cuts
    - ii. Shannon: State Board of Ed said yesterday that charters can use prior year's attendance this year. If we use prior year's attendance (WADA) of 108 students, that will protect us from further uncertainty in per-pupil funding.
  - g. Motion to approve August financials - approved unanimously
  - h. ASBR Report -
    - i. Submitted to DESE
    - ii. Matches financial records already approved by the board for 2019-20
    - iii. Motion to approve ASBR - approved unanimously

8. Board Development

- a. Board retreat plans tabled for now
- b. Strategic planning
  - i. Have Annual Review from UMSL that can be starting point for goal setting
- c. Board meeting structures
  - i. Sarah/Jay working to develop monthly agendas ahead of time to provide notice under Sunshine Laws, as well as to plan speakers
  - ii. September speaker: Haley Biehl to discuss Local Compliance Plan (special ed)
  - iii. Will also ask Bill Mendelsohn to talk later this fall
  - iv. Jay: Request speaker/information about how students are growing academically. Sarah - Shenika could present monthly if that is helpful.
  - v. Eleanor to present on Staff Handbook

9. Adjourn