

**Legacy Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
6:50 p.m.**

Present: Dr. Carl Warren, Dr. Carolyn Collins, Daniel Hernandez, Michael Mainor Shabazz, Gloridine McNair, John Kremer, Dr. Yolonda Capers, Joanna Waitress, Kia Flowers, Quinton Robinson, Dr. Mary Wynn

Call to Order: Dr. Carl Warren

Opening Prayer – Gloridine McNair

Approval of Agenda (Order of the Day) – Motion made to change the Orders of the Day by **Mr. Kremer** seconded by **Mr. Hernandez**. Motion approved unanimously.

Roll Call - Dr. Carl Warren, Chairman - present
Gloridine McNair, Vice-Chair – present
Michael Mainor Shabazz, Treasurer – present
John Kremer, Director of Government Affairs - present
Dr. Phyllis Tucker-Wicks, Parent Liaison – excused absent
Dr. Carolyn Collins – present
Dr. Tony Erben – excused absent
Javan Frinks – excused absent
Daniel Hernandez – present

Minutes from July 11, 2018, Meeting - Motion to accept Minutes from the July 11th meeting with modifications and necessary changes made by **Mr. Hernandez**, seconded by **Ms. McNair**. The Board then voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board was provided a copy of the monthly financials. Dr. Capers stated that the accountant is in the middle of finishing up the audit. An increase of revenue will help in decreasing the liabilities. Motion to approve the financial report with any modifications and necessary changes made by **Mr. Kremer**, seconded by **Ms. McNair**. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Charter Renewal - Legacy's charter was renewed for 5 years.

Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan - **Dr. Collins** discussed the mental health plan and how the state is not providing funding to K-12 schools, but are mandating this plan for K-12 schools. There was discussion regarding partnering with area organizations that provide mental health services.

NEW BUSINESS

Out of Field Teachers – Dr. Capers provided the Board with the names of teachers teaching at Legacy who are currently out of field: Shenell Maye out of field for ESOL and Sukela Roberts out of field for ESOL. Teachers are working on obtaining the necessary certifications.

Dr. Collins motioned that the out-of-field teachers remain employed in their current positions as long as they obtain certification in their respect areas by the end of the school year, seconded by **Mr. Hernandez**. Motion approved unanimously.

Board Attendance - Dr. Warren discussed the attendance of board members and explained the absences of Dr. Tucker-Wicks, Mr. Frinks and Dr. Erben.

Mr. Kremer discussed a potential board member, but the applicant has not returned his calls.

Board Fundraiser (Black Diamond Awards) – There was Board discussion regarding the Black Diamond Awards and ways to increase the exposure for this fundraiser. **Dr. Collins** and **Dr. Warren** will work together to meet with some potential donors. **Dr. Collins** recommended that Legacy use an event planner to handle the awards program.

Dr. Collins agreeing to get a table for Legacy at the FAMU 2019 Gala for a silent auction fundraiser. Each Board member agreeing to contribute, at a minimum, \$2,500 as part of the Board's fundraising efforts. **Dr. Collins** also suggested seeking church donations and applying for the Lightning Foundation's Community Hero award.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrollment - Enrollment is currently at 254.

Staffing - Legacy is at full staff.

Curriculum - Classes are going well. Baseline assessments have helped us to see the academic gap between returning scholars (higher proficiency scores) and scholars new to Legacy. UT students are back at Legacy, providing reading support to our elementary scholars.

Family Engagement - The first family engagement activity this month was the Grandparent's breakfast, hosted by Ms. Flowers. Approximately 125 grandparents were in attendance. Legacy's Parent Puma Academy is scheduled to begin in October. These sessions will help parents to understand the curriculum, state standards, and allow them to ask questions regarding their scholar's academic performance.

Fundraising - Several school-sponsored fundraisers are planned for this year. The fundraising/donation goal is \$50,000. Parents and staff are committed and determined to reach this goal.

Security - Security is going well. We have been pleased with the officer(s) who have been assigned to Legacy.

School Calendar – Due to the water main break over the weekend of September 15th, Legacy was closed on Monday, September 17, 2018. Legacy has revised its calendar to reflect a makeup day for this missed day of school.

Dr. Collins moved to accept the principal's report, seconded by **Ms. McNair**. Motion approved unanimously.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent Conference – Monday, September 24, 2018 – 3pm – 6pm

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Quinton Robinson, candidate for Tampa City Council District 7, discussed comments he has heard regarding charter schools and specifically about Legacy. Knowing the history of Legacy and the school's civic engagement, he shared with the Board comments that have been made in public forums from the League of Women Voters. Mr. Robinson stated that the League of Women Voters appears to be misinformed about charter schools and Legacy. He recommended that Legacy invite the group to the school to see and learn about Legacy for themselves.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Ms. Flowers – recommended that the Board sell tickets for tables for the Black Diamond Awards. Ms. Flowers also made other suggestions for fundraisers including participating in a Give Day, resume last year's Lunch and Learn and possibly holding a Tea.

Ms. Waitress – Legacy is preparing for Hispanic Heritage Month. We are working on making this a big event and will recognize Hispanic Heritage throughout the month of October. Board members are welcomed to come by the school.

Dr. Capers – expressed thanks and appreciation to the Board for their support. Dr. Capers also thanked Mr. Robinson for his support of the school.

Dr. Wynn – thanked the Board for prayers, support and expressions of condolences for several staff members regarding the passing of their family members.

Ms. McNair – no comment

Mr. Mainor-Shabazz – will work on bringing a representative to the school to look at the technology.

Mr. Kremer – thanked Dr. Capers for all her hard work and the things she has done to make the school run effectively and efficiently.

Dr. Warren – encouraged Board members to come out and visit the school, get acquainted with the staff and the scholars.

ADJOURNMENT - with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Dr. Mary Wynn

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dr. Mary Wynn