



Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: December 12, 2016

Call to Order:

Kevin Myers called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors on December 12, 2016 at 7:03 p.m. in the ECS Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Bill Borter, Peter Henderson, Charlie Kennedy, Bill Kroll, Kristy McClure, Kevin Myers

Absent: Jim Hollis, Clint White

Minutes

Peter Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the November 2016 ECS Board meeting as distributed prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Myers and unanimously approved.

Endeavor Foundation Update

Kevin Myers reported in Joe Montgomery's absence. While the Foundation Board did not meet in November, they are still working on setting the school building's financial reserves. Bill Borter advised the Board that Thomas Judy & Tucker (TJT) are likely to seek a price increase from their 2016 audit quote.

Director's Update

Christi Whiteside reported the following developments in her Director's Update:

- The school calendar is updated per the early release day change approved at the November meeting;
- This school year's spring track out will leave one day remaining before starting the fourth quarter in order to align with the Wake County Spring Break schedule;
- The Return to Learn Policy (concussions) is ready for Board approval;
- The self-study deadline draft for charter renewal is Friday;
- State Senator Chad Barefoot visited the students for a government program two weeks ago;
- Fine Arts winter performances have been held in the past week;
- Grades 2-8 participated in the Hour of Code;
- 70 kids attended Parents Night Out sponsored by the YMCA.

Director of Development Update

Lauren Manfreda reported that \$65,088 has been deposited to date, \$86,300 total has been received or pledged. Kindergarten has the highest family participation rate - 100 families (45%) have pledged. Larger donations (greater than \$100) have picked up. 191 families are not engaged and we hope the town hall in Third Quarter will help. For the sake of comparison, Lauren shared that Raleigh Charter gets about 38% family participation.

Laruen also reported that ECS has received almost \$10,000 through corporate matching, which is all new money for ECS. There are also a few more corporate banner sponsors.

Christi Whiteside mentioned that the incoming Kindergartners for 2017-18 are overwhelmingly current ECS families, while in past years the mix has been closer to 50/50. This means there will be fewer new families to contribute to fundraising efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Borter reported that the BB&T account balance is \$7,341.48, and the BBVA Operating Account is \$1,602,491.18. Bill advised that ECS has spent approximately 52% of its revenue. Salaries and Benefits are at 58% and 61% respectively. Kevin Myers suggested looking at each budget category at the January meeting. Kevin also stated that the Foundation needs to sign off on a certificate of compliance for loan covenants.

Lastly, Bill reported that the TJT audit resulted in no observations.

ECS Charter Renewal

Christi Whiteside provided an update of the charter renewal process. The first step is a self-study to be submitted by Friday. The team will then meet with DPI to see if they have any concerns. There will then be a Spring site visit, with an unknown scope, but Christi believes that the Board, staff, and parent groups will be queried. ECS expects the charter renewal sometime in 2018.

Policies Approval

Bill Kroll described the proposed Return to Learn Policy addressing the handling of student concussions. Bill moved to accept the policy as amended for limited typos, and Charlie Kennedy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Christi Whiteside reported that the FMLA policy is still under development.

Board 2016-17 Priorities Updates

The Board tabled this discussion for the next meeting.

2017 Board Officers – Kevin Myers reported that Clint White is interested in serving as Board Chair and Kevin Myers nominated him. Peter Henderson seconded the motion, which was unanimously accepted.

Bill Borter nominated Kristy McClure for Treasurer, which was seconded by Kevin Myers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Charlie Kennedy nominated Kevin Myers as Secretary, and Peter Henderson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Shelly Watson (ECS parent) introduced Christina Womble as the new Principal of Pine Springs, a new charter school scheduled to open in 2017, who came to observe the Board meeting.

Closed Session

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session in accordance with North Carolina statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Charlie Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board moved into closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:06 p.m.

Adjournment

Kevin Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter Henderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously at 9:06 p.m.