

Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2017

Call to Order:

Clint White called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors on March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the ECS Multi-Purpose Room.

Present: Peter Henderson, Jim Hollis, Charlie Kennedy (late), Bill Kroll, Kristy McClure,

Absent: Bill Borter, Kevin Myers

Minutes

Clint White moved to approve the minutes from the February 2017 ECS Board meeting as distributed prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Hollis and unanimously approved.

Clint White noted that previous minutes may need to be amended to reflect Kristy McClure's election to the Board.

Endeavor Foundation Update

Clint White reported that the Foundation met about field rental. He also advised that the Foundation is conducting a reserve study. Joe Montgomery arrived later in the meeting and had no additional points.

Treasurer's Report

Kristy McClure reported that the BB&T bank balance is \$12,117.88, and the BBVA account balance is \$1,794,868.23. Kristy further reported that 66% of the way through the school year, ECS's expenses are on track with the budget. ECS is still working on establishing a dissolution account (which is a State requirement) and a brokerage account to accept stock donations.

Policies Discussion

Technology Use – Bill Kroll had previously circulated the Acceptable Use Policy, and Jim Hollis shared observations on the intent and scope of the policy. Jim will circulate an option spelling out requirements by grade level groupings. Bill advised that the 4th Circuit case law is in favor of school policy extending to conduct outside of school. Bill and Peter Henderson will provide an initial legal review. Peter suggested the Board and Administration think about the roll-out of the proposed policy and cultural change of behavior outside of school being implicated by the policy. Christi Whiteside reiterated the need to be clear on her legal authority to discipline a student based on digital behavior, particularly if there is not a risk to the school or students.

Criminal Background Checks – Christi Whiteside reported that while ECS has always performed the criminal background checks on staff candidates, there has not been a written policy. Bill Kroll is consolidating suggested edits from Christi and the Board.

Director's Update

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

- The first Book Fair/Art Fair combo event was held in February and had great turnout. The students liked having their art more visible in the halls.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was held last week.
- Boosterthon was rescheduled to tomorrow from last week. Donations have not been negatively impacted by the Annual fund.
- The ECS Town Hall is tomorrow night.
- Christi will circulate next year's proposed Board meeting dates.
- Christi is attending a Greensboro Teachers job fair next week.
- The YMCA left a door open twice following after school care. Christi has discussed this with the YMCA and they are putting in additional security procedures.
- Motivational speaker Nick Vujicic is no longer able to visit ECS in person, but the school will show a recording of him.

Board Recruiting

Clint White and Kevin Myers are working on the recruitment of Board members. The Board is targeting people with experience in facilities management, CPAs, teachers, technology, or attorneys. Peter Henderson, Kevin Myers, and Clint White are up for re-election in June.

Board 2016-2017 Priorities Update

Technology – Jim Hollis reported that has worked on a baseline assessment with Jim Lundholm (IT Coordinator/Data Manager), and they are considering where ECS wants to go. Jim is developing a list of IT assets, their ages, and impact if they fail. Jim observed that ECS needs a life cycle management plan. Christi Whiteside will solicit teacher input on their technology wish list at the next teacher leadership team meeting.

Financial Planning – Clint White deferred to Bill Borter's next report.

Long-Range Planning - Clint White said ECS is working with Charter Success for long-range planning best practices.

Field Use Update - Bill Kroll reported that the Town of Wake Forest (Reuben Wall) is interested in providing field maintenance in lieu of paying for after-school/weekend/track-out use of the ECS field. The Board estimates that field maintenance costs approximately \$20K/year.

Best Practices Update – Bill Kroll is looking at ways to mitigate liability risk of athletics and clarifying oversight responsibility of coaches and players amongst ECS, Boosters, and PAWS.

Acadia Review – Kristy McClure reported that ECS is moving from Acadia to Charter Success to improve budgeting, monitoring, tracking, and customer service. Kristy suggests waiting to change audit firms, though the current firm (Thomas Judy and Tucker) is indicating it will be raising its audit fees.

Public Comments

In response to a question from the public, Christi Whiteside advised that the DPI Charter Review went well, and that they saw no red flags. The State Board of Education will make a recommendation on the ECS charter in 2018, and ECS expects it to be for another 10 years.

Closed Session

Clint White moved that the Board go into closed session in accordance with North Carolina statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Peter Henderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the Board moved into closed session at 8:11 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

Adjournment

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