



Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: August 8, 2016

Call to Order:

Kevin Myers called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors on August 8, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. in the ECS Multi-Purpose Room.

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

Absent: Jim Hollis

Minutes

Peter Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the ECS Board meeting on June 6, 2016 as distributed prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Myers and unanimously approved.

Endeavor Foundation Update

David Clodgo reported that the lease agreement between the Foundation and ECS should be finalized within the next week. Kevin Myers explained that the school will be responsible for short-term maintenance, and that the Board would like the Foundation focus to be on maintaining the long-term physical facilities maintenance and the upkeep plan.

Director's Update

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

- The administration has received a great response from the Meet the Teacher and Annual Fund discussions;
- 511 students are currently enrolled. One 7th and one 8th grade seat remain open;
- There will be three curriculum nights this week;
- ECS has hired two new EC teachers who start on Wednesday;
- ECS had an Olympics-like Opening Ceremony last Friday to kick off the school year;
- The YMCA After School Program is going well;
- The school is finalizing its free or reduced lunch offer for families in need;
- Playground improvements have been well-received.

Approve Additional 2016-17 Contracts

Christi Whiteside presented the following employment contracts for Board approval:

- 1) Julie Tudor – Assistant Director and Curriculum Director – Language Arts and Social Studies;
- 2) Holly Heasley – EC (Grades K-4);
- 3) Allison Biringer – EC (Grades 5-8).

Kevin Myers moved to approve the three contracts, and Clint White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Family Fun Fest

Lauren Manfreda stated that the Family Fun Fest will be held on August 19th with the ECS staff, PAWS, Boosters, Board, and parents hosting booths. PDQ will cook on-site. The Development Committee will run the auction.

Director of Development Update

Lauren Manfreda also reported that pledges were received from 43 families (13%) after 2 weeks. These family pledges totaled just over \$14K, with \$4K collected. The average monthly donation is \$20. Two corporate sponsors additionally have gone in for \$5K each, bringing the total pledged amount to \$24K. The upcoming Silent Auctions will add to the \$24K.

Lauren has also been in touch with the Biogen Idec and IBM to make sure ECS is in their matching contribution systems.

Volunteers could not commit to the BCBS Leadership program, so ECS will not participate this year.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Borter reported the BBVA operating account balance is \$1,092,279.22, and the BB&T balance is \$3,235.77. ECS has received no State or County monies yet. Bill estimated that after the pre-paid rent adjustment, ECS will be close to revenue neutral with an approximately \$4K budget deficit, thus the need for substantial fundraising.

2017-18 School Calendar

Christi Whiteside led a discussion of the previously distributed 2017-18 school calendar. Christi informed the Board that several Wake County schools plan to credit recess hours to their minimum annual school instruction hours, but Christi is not in favor of introducing this change to ECS. Christi also noted that the 2017-18 ECS Spring Break will coincide with Wake County's and begin at a date similar to where it has in past years. Clint White moved that the Board adopt the 2017-18 school calendar as proposed. Charlie Kennedy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Board 2016-17 Priorities

Clint White and Lauren Manfreda agreed to assist Christi Whiteside in the development of a new school Mission and Vision. Christi is still talking to a consultant to assist in this effort.

Jim Hollis will lead the development of a school Technology Plan.

Bill, Clint and Kevin will assist with the Finance Plan, to appropriately divide the financial responsibilities between ECS and the Endeavor Foundation. They will then turn their attention to developing an investment plan and policy.

PAWS and Boosters will work with Board liaisons to ensure collaboration and best practice sharing.

The Board will also address ensuring ECS has a sound athletic field use strategy, providing a safe environment for all teams and operating within budget. David Clodgo advised making sure ECS can use the fields as needed, because athletic leagues will want unfettered use.

Public Comments

Brian Utesch, a father of 8th and 3rd graders, expressed concerns about band practice going from 4 to 2 practices/week. Kevin Myers agreed to facilitate a discussion on this with the ECS administration.

Closed Session

Kevin Myers 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 8:04 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 9:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Kevin Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Kristy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously at 9:13 p.m.