

**Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2015**

**Call to Order:**

Kevin Myers called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:03 pm in ECS Multipurpose Room.

**Present:**

Bill Borter, Peter Henderson, Charlie Kennedy, Kevin Myers, Lisa Springle and Clint White.

**Minutes**

Peter Henderson moved to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on August 10th as distributed. The motion was seconded by Kevin Myers and unanimously approved.

**Financial Swap Information**

Clint White and Bill Borter updated the Board on the financial swap education from KPM Financial and led discussion on the refinancing options. Bill advised that his goal would be to execute an agreement with KPM over the next two months. The Board agreed that meetings with KPM Financial will be put on the ECS website. Clint moved to engage KPM Financial as our swap advisory firm. Bill seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved.

**Endeavor Foundation Update**

Joe Montgomery stated that Foundation audit is still ongoing and seems to be progressing well.

**Director’s Update**

* The school has welcomed Craig Atkinson as the ECS Assistant Director;
* The school sent offers of lunch support to 32 families last week, but has received no responses yet.
* Self evaluations have been distributed to the staff who are not classroom teachers;
* The school has started reaching out to colleges to form student teaching or other student support opportunities;
* A preliminary school scorecard will be released on October 15th. Only the top 3% of schools statewide will fit into the “A+” category;
* ECS has transitioned officially to the 10-point grading scale. PowerSchool grades are still transitioning from the previous letter grades. This will be a point of communication to parents.
* A new ECS website will be developed using the Schoolwires template. The annual cost estimate is $2,800. Kevin Myers and Peter Henderson will review what needs to be on the website.
* A quarter mile cross country course has been carved out. A volunteer dad is cleaning around the trail.

**Policy Revisions – Admissions and Attendance**

* Admissions and Attendance. Christi Whiteside and Peter Henderson led a discussion of proposed changes to the Admissions Policy, which include reducing the admission offer response time.
* School Fees – Christi proposed a policy permitting only school fees that are similar to those in other Wake County Schools. Clint White moved to adopt the policy, and Kevin Myers seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted. Christi and Tina Bauldree will continue to benchmark other Wake County school fee practices.

**Board Objectives**

Kevin Myers described the working list of proposed Board objectives for the school year developed during the August Board Retreat, including: debt refinancing; clarification of the role of the school, Board, and Foundation for the facility and grounds; policy amendments and digitization; Director review process; and salary scale and teacher pay parameters. Kevin also mentioned the goal to establish written Director goals by end of September.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bill Borter reported that the operating account balance is $ $1,136,612.91

There is a $98,718.82 surplus to the August monthly budget due to the receipt of a percentage of state funding. We continue working with Acadia on detailed monthly reports. Bill also advised that we will see a new expense item for prepaid rent moving forward, which will result in showing a loss of $100-120K on our annual report.

The “Push the Envelope” campaign raised $20,089, which is just over $3,000 more than last year. There may be approximately $3,000 in matching funds coming in. The campaign funds will be used for the school’s communication needs.

**Open Board Positions**

The Board interviewed David Faleski for an open Board position.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Closed Session**

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Clint White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 8:53 p.m.

**Public Session**

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to public session. Clint White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Board reconvened in public session at 9:22 p.m.

**Board Openings**

The Board continued discussing the current Board openings. Kevin Myers moved to elect Christi McClure to the Board. Bill Borter seconded the motion. The Board approved Christi’s appointment unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Kevin Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Charlie Kennedy seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 10:07 p.m.