

Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday February 21, 2024 , 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Virtual meeting by GoogleMeet Webinar)

Board Members in Attendance

- ❖ Marcia Brooks
- ❖ Bryan Gilmer
- ❖ Joe Fitzsimons
- ❖ Richard Hart
- ❖ Bob Chapman
- ❖ Tauchiana Williams
- ❖ Vicky Patton
- ❖ A quorum was established

Others Present

Arlie Harris
Jenny Ngo
John Heffernan
Joy Porter

Not Present

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

Agenda

Last meeting follow-up

Consent Agenda

- ❖ Move to approve by Robert Chapman of January Minutes.
 - Motion is seconded by Richard Hart and all in favor.
- ❖ Move to approve by Vicky Patton of YTD Budget.

- Motion is seconded by Robert Chapman and all in favor.

New Business

❖ ED Update

- The school has continued its work in Professional Development particularly in the areas of Project Based Learning, Integrated Arts, and Outdoor Learning with the Curriculum Coordinator, Lucia Marcus.
- CPSC hosted members of DPI & Office of Charter Schools
 - Dr. Angie Mullennix, Director of Innovative Practices and Programs
 - The Office of Innovation plans to highlight CPSC in their Promising Practices Clearinghouse as an example of Authentic Learning on DPI's website
- After School program has adjusted some routines and procedures (e.g., Increased number of adults, bringing ratio closer to 1:15, small groups and staggered inside/outside time)
- Awarded two grants
 - Safer School Grants (\$46K): for students in crisis, psychological services, and attendance
 - Funds used to hire a part-time Behavior Support Teacher
 - Transportation Grant (\$22K)
 - Applied to current transportation costs
- The Diverse Aspects of Family Partnerships
 - Active teacher appreciation committee
 - Active strawberry festival committee
 - Yearbook committee
 - Facilities Committee
 - Previously assisted in clearing cages
 - Upcoming all school workday March 2
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging
 - Last connected in October on the culturally affirming survey

- Latinx Family group
 - Planning ahead for strawberry festival
 - How to recruit latinx family to apply and attend CPSC
- Outdoor learning committee
 - Pond restoration work
 - Outdoor learning professional development
 - Playground equipment maintenance
- School communications
 - Website and Social Media are being updated
 - Foundation has printed brochure
- Looking ahead
 - Lottery is scheduled for March 5, 2024
 - Over 600 applicants
 - Middle School Director position has been posted and resumes will be collected through week of February 26, 2024
 - Candidates will be interviewed and a decision made before Spring Break
 - New hire to begin July 1, 2024
 - New teacher resumes are being collected for any staff adjustments
- Arlie, Robert, and Joe are to give thoughts on unified campus at next board meeting
- ❖ **Foundation ED Update**
 - There is 100% giving from the Foundation Board, School Board, and Development Committee!
 - Increase of \$24,000 in annual fund compared to this point last year
 - From Foundation, increase of \$80,000 compared to last year
 - \$50,000 from Oak Foundation
 - The leaders of Innovation, Research, and Charter school want to partner with CPSC:
 - Assist CPSC with internal research
 - Connect with people from outside the state with PD and models of Charter School (Harlem Children Zone)
 - Advancing assessment: return on invest and key indicators, outcomes with learning environment
 - Partnering with federal grants

- Fundraising materials in the works
 - Brochure, Slidedeck, Case by case support
 - Examining that our six facets of “All children thriving” approach have fundable initiatives
- Partnership with Duke University through their PHD program Fuqua School of Business to gain interns within graduate school and within Fuqua for Summer ‘24 and ‘24-’25 school year
 - Foundation and Board can request supports
- Funds generated past this point will propel field work for teacher innovation grants next year
 - Fuel the most highly effective classrooms, teachers, practices in the six facets of All Children Thriving (Outdoor Learning, Integrated Arts, Parent Engagement, Diverse by Design, Social Emotional Learning, Joy for Learning)
- Advancement Efforts
 - Annual Fund Pledges and Received
 - February 2024: \$60, 706
 - February 2023: \$36, 406
 - Next Steps
 - Matching Grant Program (to roll out in March), another appeal in April, closing appeal at end of year
 - Foundation Proposals in December and January
 - Cagan Foundation: \$20,000 (in review)
 - Oak Foundation: \$50,000 (awarded)
 - Eichholz Foundation: \$5,000 (awarded)
 - Upcoming submissions (February-April)
 - Barnes Foundation: \$100,000
 - Kirby Foundation: \$150,000
 - Duke Energy: \$20,000
 - GlaxoSmith Kline: \$50,000
 - Burroughs Wellcome: \$100,000
 - McCarthy Dressman Foundation: \$20,000
 - Covington: \$20,000
 - Dominion Energy Grant: \$20,000
 - Annual Fund Additional Targets

- Seeking Sponsorships (Business and Corporate): \$30,000
- Sybunts Target: \$20,000
- Matching Gift Program: \$30,000-\$60,000
- Advancement with Potential Funders since 1/10/24
 - 20 meetings, tours, calls with potential funders including:
 - ◆ NC DPI, US Department of Education, Great Schools NC, GlaxoSmithKline Foundation, Burroughs Wellcome Foundation, Durham City ARPA Team
 - Government Grants/Awards - Upcoming Proposals
 - Durham City - ARPA Funding - Neighborhood & School Parking Deck and SlideScape
 - Early Stage Innovation and Research Program - Federal Department of Education Grant: \$2mm (May 2024)
 - Historic Preservation - State Budget: \$2mm
 - Supporting Effective Educator Development: \$1mm
 - Magnet School Assistance Program: \$2mm
- ❖ **Governance Committee Nomination**
 - Move to approve by Vicky Patton of the nomination of Chanel Carrell to Board of Trustees
 - Motion is seconded by Joe Fitzsimons and all in favor.
- ❖ Meeting is adjourned.

Notes

- ❖ No additional notes

Action Items

- ❖ None



Next Meeting Agenda Items

- ❖ Next board meeting will be March 20, 2024 at 6:00pm via GoogleMeet webinar.