

1/9/20

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Dr. David Molina called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
Board Members					
Dr. David Molina	Board Chair	✓			
Alyssa Moore	Community member		✓		
Natalie Elliott	Secretary	✓			
Donida Garcia	Elementary Teacher	✓			
Shawn Bliss	Secondary Teacher	✓			
Matt Embry	Secondary Parent	✓			
Chris Juraska	Elementary Teacher	✓			
George Gentile	Community member	✓		6:01 PM	
Kari Honea	Parliamentarian	✓			
Vibha Monteiro	Secondary Parent	✓			
Priscilla Cavazos	Elementary Parent		✓		
Frankie Shanks '20	Student Rep (non-voting)	✓			
Staff Members					
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	✓			
Joey Thompson	Director of Operations	✓			
Julie Atchley	Director of Academics	✓			
Terry Berkenhoff	Elementary Principal	✓			
Samantha Gladwell	Elementary Assistant Principal	✓			
Hweilu Chen	Director of Finance	✓			
Amy Elms	Community Outreach		✓		
Will Jaramillo	Secondary Principal	✓			
Megan Podd	Secondary Asst. Prin.		✓		
Jennifer Obenshain	HRS/Academic Support Coordinator		✓		

Other Business/Public Comment

The Board discussed the agenda. Kari Honea moved to accept the agenda as amended. Vibha Monteiro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 5th meeting. Vibha Monteiro moved to approve the minutes as amended. Donida Garcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

Joey Thompson presented the Board with Operations policy 400.020. This policy was discussed last month and now reflects the amendment regarding Section 1.4 regarding Non-resident Transfer Students. There was some discussion about the policy date regarding the Intent to Return forms' disbursement. The date stands for now pending the adoption of the new information management system that will disburse the form through its automated system. Vibha Monteiro motioned to approve the policy as presented. Matt Embry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Joey Thompson presented the Board with policy 400.060 regarding FERPA and student privacy, 400.070 which pertains to adoption of curriculum initiatives, as well as 400.080 regarding required instruction and graduation. No changes were recommended at this time. Vibha Monteiro moved to accept the policies as presented. Kari Honea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Zimmermann presented the resolution to the Board regarding approval for the contract with the company that will conduct utility work on moving the waterline for the building site plan. The vendor was selected after an open bidding process per requirements. Vibha Monteiro motioned to approve the resolution. Donida Garcia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board was presented with a Statement of Impact from the Academe Nexus charter school. Vibha moved to accept that the open enrollment charter school will not adversely impact the enrollment of our charter school to a significant degree. Kari Honea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Atchley presented the Board with the most recent Texas School Annual Report. She discussed how the data was compiled by the state. She discussed the 2019 Accountability Ratings for the Lamar campus of A and the Kramer campus of B. She explained the state's established measures: Progress (Academic Growth), Prior Year and Student Success Initiative, and Bilingual Education/English Language Learner performance. The report also looks at STAAR participation, graduation rates, College, Career, and Military readiness and other postsecondary indicators. The TAPR also includes student, staff, and program information (including special education and English Learners). She pointed out how there is a discrepancy between the 18-19 school years in terms of Academic Growth (one year's academic growth achievement among students). She also discussed how NYOS has a Superior financial accountability rating. Additionally, NYOS has no findings in problem areas (like overidentification of students or certain populations of students in special education). She revealed that NYOS has no criminal or violent incidents to report as part of TAPR. There is also a data point included regarding NYOS graduates' GPAs in their first year of enrollment in accredited two- and four-year institutions for the graduating class of 2017. The TAPR report will be posted on the NYOS website.

The Board was presented with calendar options for the 2020-2021 school year. There was discussion about seeing a version of the calendar in which the fourth quarter has 10 weeks instead of 9. The Board will see this version in the **February** meeting.

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Kathleen Zimmermann presented the Executive Director update. NYOS did receive the first expected matching donation of \$565,000 in December. This increases NYOS' cash on hand. This means that NYOS has now entered the "greenlighting" phase and received better terms from

Equitable Schools Facilities Fund. The increase of cash on hand will influence NYOS' Standard and Poors rating, which will occur on January 23rd. Also, Frost Bank needs to approve the Equitable Schools Facilities Fund in parity, as they hold the current loan. Additionally, Rep. Celia Israel will be visiting NYOS soon to tour classrooms and participate in a meet-and-greet. Kathleen Zimmermann also thanked the Board for their donations last month. There is also the Amplify Austin fundraiser coming up in March.

Committees

Natalie Elliott presented on behalf of the Academic Oversight Committee. She discussed that there have been two preliminary meetings to determine the committee's function. As of now, the focus of the committee is to further interpret academic performance data as it is presented to the Board to examine areas of concern, questions, or highlights. At the February meeting there will be such discussion of the TAPR report.

Kari Honea provided Board Development training concerning recommendations from Dr. Carpenter's "need to know" information for Board members. The presentation also included an overview of the Charter and the Bylaws.

Matt Embry presented the update for the Property Development Committee. He reiterated the Equitable Facilities Fund term sheet has changed favorably and the forthcoming Standard and Poors rating as mentioned in the Executive Director update. The landscaping has been updated, the City of Austin has approved the detention pond.

Matt Embry presented on behalf of the Financial Oversight. Enrollment is at 1,061. Attendance is above 95%. There are two open positions and interviews are being conducted. Cash flow increased and the budget amendment was discussed.

Hweilu Chen presented the Board with a budget amendment in response to the influx of cash in December from KLE, reapportioned per their requirements. She discussed how the differences between the September budget which projected the out-of-pocket expenses for the expansion, and the January budget reflects the line of credit that will be used for expansion. The line of credit from Frost Bank was added to the budget under Other Revenue/Local Sources. Additionally, the big expenditure change is the Skyward information management system. Vibha Monteiro moved to accept the amendment as presented. Matt Embry seconded.

Dr. David Molina discussed the Executive Director Review Committee, the chair Alyssa Moore is not present but the work will move forward next month. There will be an update at the next meeting.

Agenda items for the January Board meeting were discussed:

- The Elementary and Secondary leadership will present the ELL reports.
- Vote on the school calendar.
- Academic Oversight Committee full report.
- Resolutions around spending authority.
- Amy Elms will speak about Amplify Austin.

The Board Chair invited a motion to adjourn. Vibha Monteiro motioned to adjourn. Matt Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment time: 7:24

Certification

These minutes represent a true and accurate account of the regular Board Meeting of NYOS Charter School held on 1/9/20.

Natalie Elliott