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December 7, 2015

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Anthony Bryant
Terance Madden
Michael Oby (*via telephone*)
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)
Kelli Peterson (Principal)

Meeting Called to Order (6:21 PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by *Board Chair*.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by *Anthony Bryant*.

Seconded by *Terance Madden*.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes read aloud by Governing Board Chair, Sharon Daniel.

Approval of minutes from November 23, 2015 was motioned by Michael Oby second by Anthony Bryant.

Unanimously passed.

Academic Report

Milestones

Data from the 2014-15 administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment was made available by Principal Peterson. Data source: Georgia Department of Education.

Data from the fall practice of the 2015-16 Georgia Milestones Assessments has been made available by Principal Peterson to each student to better understand their progress on the 2014-15 Milestones, as well as performance indicators from the fall practice assessment.

Teacher Keys Evaluation System

Implementation Report: pulled on November 17, 2015.

Two Walk-throughs will take place before the end of the semester break

Mid

Parent Surveys

17 parents have completed survey, thus far

15 parents are required to meet CCRPI points

17/28 staff members that have completed the staff climate survey



Questions:

- No questions.

Executive Director's Report

- SACS Process for accreditation
- Private Philanthropic Support

Questions:

- No questions.

Financial Report

Financial Report was tabled until CFO arrived to the board meeting.

Will not go with QuickBooks Non-Profit, will go with what other charters are using.

Audit: Annual audit should be complete by next Friday

Profit and loss statement was not provided, Mr. Alexander was under the weather today.

Questions:

- No questions.

Public Comment

Ms. Lawler: when will parents have the opportunity to have copies of individual copies of Milestones cards?

Principal Peterson: Parents will have the opportunity to get copies of the scores at Curriculum Night scheduled for December 9, 2015.

Ms. Merck: Will walk-throughs take place on the 17th? What does the walk-through consist of?

Ms. Woumann: When will Milestones data will be made available for those that can't make the Curriculum Night?

Principal Peterson: January 4, 2016

Mr. Thompson: At what point in time will the teachers notify parents if the student is not performing well, indicating the student might need tutoring?

Principal Peterson: Consistent communication should be sent to/from teachers.

- *Deficiency notices should be a sound indicator; and if a student drops below a grade of 70.*
- *If a student fails a test, parents might receive some level of communication*

Executive Session 7:11PM

Anthony Bryant moved to go into Executive session. Seconded by Terance Madden.

Real estate matters discussed.

Michael Oby motioned to end executive session. Seconded by Anthony Bryant.

Motion from executive session to accept the consultancy agreement between Utopian Academy for the Arts and C. Gould and Associates, with recommended noted changes of sections (2, 3, 4, and 6) by December 11, 2015.

Motion by Anthony, second by Michael.



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Three yes, one abstention.

Adjournment (8:47pm)

Anthony Bryant motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by *Michael Oby*.