

## Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA PHONE/VIDEOCONFERENCE.

**Date:** October 13th, 2020  
**Location:** Virtual-via Zoom  
**President:** Wendy Sparks  
**Vice President:** Becki Gann  
**Secretary:** Holly Williamson  
**Treasurer:** Jeremy Anderson  
**Board Members:** Erin Miller  
**Staff:** Bill Conlon  
**Not Present:** Kiley Hoffman, Becki Gann

### **Mission Statement:**

Dallas Community School is an inclusive public charter school supporting collaborative, standards- based education in a flexible, non-traditional environment.

### **Vision:**

Dallas Community School will empower non-traditional learners with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in and contribute value to their community.

**1) Call to order:** 6:30 pm

**2) Public Comment:** None

**3) Adopt Consent Agenda and Minutes (action):** Kiley motions to adopt the September agenda, with the amendment that there will be a short closed session at the end. All in favor.

**4) Parent-Teacher Organization Update:** Dana McAdams and Taynyn Richards will take on the leadership of the group this 2020/2021.

**5) Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jeremy Anderson gave a budget update on the last month's activities. The board discussed transferring some funds into a money market account, or other accounts to accrue interest. Bill will work with Jeremy to pursue the possibility of finding a financial planner for DCS.

**6) Director's Report:** Bill discussed the budget for the facility projects. See facility update for more details.

Bill asked the board to approve approximately \$40,000 in grant funds that DCS received from the CARES Act Grant and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. Bill wrote the grant that was funded through the district for specific purchases that include: help with increased cleaning needs w/ COVID, replacing money spent on new sinks, additional disinfecting,

remediation expenses (BrainPop, Learning Ally, Minecraft Server), adding to the school's Curriculum Library, Professional development, Connectivity (3 new zoom accounts, and assisting families w/ internet), as well as purchasing Chromebooks for students and a GoPro camera for various classes, upgrading the teacher computers that were more than eight years old, with capabilities to use the smartboard, document cameras, projectors and printers and some professional development. Jeremy motions to receive the funds from the grants upon reimbursement. Wendy seconds, all in favor.

Bill reported on the DCS High School Program. The core team consists of Andy Johnson and Bill Conlon. The advisory team consists of parents, faculty, students, former students, and community members, as well as members of the Dallas School District. The Advisory Committee is planning to have a few meetings open to the public to gather input from families and share information about the program plan. Bill and Andy will also teach a class open to 7-8 grade students, who will participate in some sort of the design model. The Board discussed the possibility of receiving approval to move forward with the DCS High School from the district by March instead of May. The board discussed where to house the high school.

#### **8) Facility Update:**

The renovations on the house and garage are still in process. Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as asbestos and more dry rot than anticipated, Bill asked for an increase in the budget. The board agreed that the proposed improvements to the buildings are necessary. Wendy motions to increase the remodeling budget to \$150,000, which would add \$30,000 to the initial remodeling funds. Erin seconds. All in favor.

#### **9) Committees Update:**

- a) Policies Committee:** Wendy will sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The policies committee is stalled until we return our MOU paperwork.
- b) Board Recruitment Committee:** A couple of people have volunteered to assist with recruitment. Wendy shared the process of becoming a board member and introduced a new screening questionnaire. Wendy will distribute the information about becoming a DCS board member to the community to generate interest.

**10)** The board went into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

**11) Adjourn:** Next meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:30pm.