

## Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA PHONE/VIDEOCONFERENCE.

<b>Date:</b>	December 17th, 2020
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual-via Zoom
<b>President:</b>	Wendy Sparks
<b>Vice President:</b>	Becki Gann
<b>Secretary:</b>	Holly Williamson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Jeremy Anderson
<b>Board Members:</b>	Erin Miller
<b>Staff:</b>	Bill Conlon, Monica McQueen

### **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):** Jeremy motioned to approve the November minutes, Erin seconded. All in favor.

**4) Parent-Teacher Organization Update:** No update.

**5) Treasurer's Report:** Jeremy shared with the board that the budget and cash balance are in a stable place at this time. Some of the expenses are currently down as students have not been on-site. Jeremy presented the idea that the board offer staff compensation for time they spent above their regular hours planning for Distance Learning classes and activities, and working with the director to develop protocols and procedures for onsite classes when the students return. Wendy motions to provide the equivalent of one week of pay as a COVID duty compensation to the staff. All in favor.

### **6) Director's Report:**

**a) COVID update:** Bill attended a COVID planning meeting and is serving on the district's COVID planning re-entry team. He shared that there is no firm date identified by the school district to go back to onsite classes at this time. ODE will continue trying to find new strategies to support schools with training and resources. The staff will take part in a workshop on staying healthy with Liberty House in the upcoming months.

**b) High School update:** Bill shared about the high school planning group's meeting with Chemeketa Community College, who are excited about partnering with DCS. Dual credit options were discussed. DCS may have found a licensed math teacher who would be willing to work with students at DCS. In general, students who attend DCS high school will need to earn 24 credits in different content areas to graduate. Bill will meet with Andy Bellando and Andy Johnson Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> to review the draft proposal for the high school.

**c)** Monica shared the results of the most recent survey with the board. A handful of parents said that they would send their children back, some said they would come back if they could wear masks at all times, and others would not come back if masks were required. There was a lot of positive feedback about the Distance Learning program offered by DCS. Challenges that some parents reported included: missing in person classes, social time, and picking up materials. In the survey, parents requested microscopes were requested to be added to the Curriculum Library. 26 families said that they would like to go to DCS high school and many parents said they would like to continue homeschooling their children and supplementing with DCS high school.

**d) Winter Term Update:** DCS has over 500 classes registered for, representing about 96 kids, which is more than the survey had predicted. A few classes may need to be cancelled depending on number of students enrolled. Guides are going to send out cards to their students with stamped envelopes so the students can write back. Cool skills classes for each grade level will be offered. These classes will use various curriculums and will occur 3x a week to help meet kids' needs regarding consistency, reading, writing, math and socialization. Theme strand classes are also available in which students can take an individual class on the subject, or sign up for the 3 classes per week relating to that theme.

**7) Facility Update:** Work has been stalled on the garage due to some city concerns, which have been resolved. Lori Jones has completed painting 80% of the inside of the house. The outside of the house is almost 100% complete. The bathroom will get a new toilet and vanity, the entire house will receive new floors and ceiling tiles, and the kitchen cabinets will be painted.

**8) Committees Update:**

**a) Policies Committee:** OSBA will be working on our policy manual beginning in February, after which Kiley and Holly will begin reading through it.

**b) Board Recruitment Committee:** No update.

**9) Adjourn:** Next meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, via Zoom.