

Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 19th, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: MEETING TOOK PLACE VIA PHONE/VIDEOCONFERENCE.

Date: November 19th, 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): Erin motions to adopt the agenda with the amendment stating that the board will go into closed session at the end to discuss a confidential employee matter. Jeremy seconds. All in favor.

4) Parent-Teacher Organization Update: Dana and Taynyn will assume the leadership role for the PTO to relieve Sara in the upcoming year. All the paperwork has been completed to keep DCS/PTO legal.

5) Treasurer's Report: No new information to report. The board would like Bill and Jeremy to find a financial advisor to work with the school.

6) Director's Report:

a) Grant Update: Bill asked the board to approve the acceptance of grant funds from two grants for approximately \$41,000. Money from The Cares Act, a federal grant, will be used to increase school cleaning to 4 times a week, portable sinks added in the building, additional disinfecting, remediation expenses (BrainPop, Learning Ally, Minecraft Server, curriculum library additions, professional development, connectivity in the form of three new Zoom accounts, funds for families struggling to receive internet, Chromebook purchases for students,

and a GoPro camera). The Governor's Emergency Education Relief fund would be used to buy new teacher computers, improve the connectivity for document cameras and printers, and provide professional development opportunities. Jeremy motions to receive the grant funds upon reimbursement. Wendy seconds. All in favor.

b) High school Update: The "core team" for developing the high school program consists of Bill, Guide Andy Johnson and other DCS staff. The advisory team consists of one district member, parents, two current DCS students and two former DCS students now in high school, Bill, Monica, Dawn, and Andy. The committee plans to host multiple information sessions for families to share information and receive their input and responses. A new class taught by Andy and Bill focusing on the high school design model will begin at half term in November, and will be open to 7th and 8th grade students. The board discussed the necessary requirements for having an accredited high school program and the funds necessary to be successful. The board also discussed where the high school might be located. Bill has contacted a realtor who will notify the school of any properties that match the high school building requirements (preferably a building close to the current school, with 4 large classrooms, 1 for each grade, office space, computer lab, area for students, guides and parents to meet, ADA bathrooms and parking). The start date for the high school program is scheduled for September, 2020, as long as the district approves the program. The board discussed a preferred approval month in March to have enough time to recruit students.

7) Facility Update: Bill re-capped the paid invoices for the school/house/garage building project, approximately \$47,000, and the cost estimates of projects needing completion. Bill asked the board to expand the budget by \$25,000 to continue the projects. The board unanimously supported Bill's requests due to his record of frugality. Wendy motions to increase the remodeling budget to a total of \$150,000, which would add an additional \$30,000 to the current approved remodeling funds. Erin seconds. All in favor.

8) Committees Update:

a) Policies Committee: Wendy will sign the MOU. Policies are stalled until DCS returns MOU.

b) Board Recruitment Committee: Wendy sent the committee volunteering to recruit board members the paperwork about DCS' recruiting process and the necessary paperwork. Wendy will launch the recruitment process, in which there are 2-3 candidates interested.

9) Closed Session: Bill briefed the board on an ongoing human resources matter and potential outcomes.

10) Adjourn: Next Meeting December 17th, 2020.