



Minutes of the Directors' Meeting
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL
November 16, 2021
Start Time: 5:05 PM End Time: 5:40 PM
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Directors Present – Video Call - Debra Logan-Rabb, LaToya Pratt, Patrick Barth, Cyrill Mouelle-Berteaux, Chris Shumway, Olympia Della Flora

Staff Present - Video Call- Kevin Fischer, Monica Rios, Shantaya Primus

Others – Video Call – Donna Webster, Vikas Kaushal, Aya Wakamatsu, Dr. Denniston Reid, Dr. Charlene Reid

Board Chair, Debra Logan-Rabb, called the meeting to order.

- 1. Financial Report:** Donna Webster presented the September 2021 YTD financials which were distributed to the Board in advance and discussed in detail at the finance committee call.
 - a.** State and Federal revenues are projected to be more than budget by about \$434K, which is primarily due to:
 - i.** Increase in per-pupil rate – budget was based on no increase in the per-pupil rate
 - ii.** ESSER and ARP fundings – Now projected in 2021-2022 school year
 - b.** Total revenue is projected to be \$6,820K, which is about \$439K more than the budget
 - c.** Total expenditures are expected to be at \$5,864K excluding depreciation.
 - d.** \$490K of PPP loan is expected to be forgiven.

- 2. Principal's Report:** Kevin Fisher discussed the following topics:
 - a.** Schools Report:
 - i.** US News and World Report put out a ranking of schools in Connecticut: Stamford Excellence is ranked #1 in Connecticut Charter Elementary Schools and #3 in Connecticut Elementary Schools.
 - ii.** Enrollment from Pre-K through 7th grade – 505 Scholars
 - iii.** Data Analysis:
 1. We did MAP testing at the beginning of the year
 2. We did F&P reading and Benchmark Assessments
 3. We also did our Reading and Math Benchmarks(Eureka Math Equip)
 - iv.** On the Horizon:
 1. Accountability with action plans for underperforming scholars
 2. Intervention groups and plans put into place for targeted scholars
 3. Weekly grade level meetings after school
 4. End of 1st Trimester December 3rd
 5. Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences 12/14 & 12/15
 - v.** School Culture Update:
 1. Harvest Day Celebration
 2. Food Drive Competition – this week
 3. Pairing 7th Grade scholars with younger scholars

4. Integration of 1:1 of Chromebooks in the classroom
5. Just finished Unit 1 Writing Celebrations
- vi. Parent Engagement Update:
 1. Bi-Weekly Progress Reports
 2. Weekly Positive Call Updates
 3. Parent-Teacher Conferences
 4. Food Drive 11/15 Through 11/19
 5. SEPA Meetings
 6. Monthly Newsletter
- vii. Calendar Update:
 1. 9/23 Staff PD
 2. 10/11 Indigenous People Day
 3. 10/21 Staff PD
 4. 10/29 Harvest Day
 5. 11/2 Election Day
 6. 11/11 Veterans Day
 7. 11/18 Staff PD
 8. 11/25-11/26 Thanksgiving Break
- viii. Teacher Development:
 1. Weekly Team Meetings
 2. Weekly Planning Sessions
 3. Deeper Dive Data Meetings
 4. Professional Development Monthly
 5. Weekly Informal/Formal Observations
- ix. Family Support Services:
 1. Hired new social worker
 2. Continue free intervention and enrichment programs
 3. Interviewing for family care aide
 4. A new arts program for 5th-7th grade girls
 5. Exploring new enrichment programs for all grades
 6. Interviewing parents and community members for our Community Learning Partners Program.

3. **A MOTION to approve the resignation of Peter Ceretta from the Board of Directors of Stamford Charter School of Excellence was made and unanimously approved.**
4. **A MOTION to approve the appointment of Cyril Moule-Berteaux to the Board of Directors of Stamford Charter School of Excellence was made and unanimously approved.**
5. **Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting September 14, 2021:** Minutes were approved. Olympia Della Flora abstained from voting on this motion.
6. **Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting June 15, 2021:** Minutes were approved.
7. **Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting June 30, 2021:** Minutes were approved.
8. **Public Comments:**
No public comments.

The Meeting was adjourned.