



**Minutes of the Directors' Meeting**

**VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL**

**March 16, 2021**

**Start Time: 5:00 PM End Time: 5:40 PM**

**Directors Present – Video Call** - Debra Logan-Rabb, LaToya Pratt, Patrick Barth, Robert Monson, Peter Cerata, Olympia Della Flora

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

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

A quorum being present, Board Chair, Debra Logan-Rabb, called the meeting to order.

1. **Financial Report:** Donna Webster presented the January 2021 YTD financials which were distributed to the Board in advance and discussed in detail at the finance committee call.
  - a. Revenue is projected to be more than budget by about \$537K, which is primarily due to:
    - i. ESSER 1 Grant of \$46,580
    - ii. Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) of \$461,474. It is a reimbursable grant. Grant period end 12/31/20. Funds are expected to be received by the end of this month.
    - iii. Federal Meal reimbursement revenue.
  - b. Total expenditures are expected to be \$100K lower than the budgeted expenses.
  - c. PPP Loan forgiveness application is not open yet. As soon as the bank opens the portal, a loan forgiveness application will be submitted.

2. **Principal's Report:** Kevin Fisher discussed the following topics:

**Successes:**

- a. We hit our 100th Day of School
- b. A small celebration of Dr. Suess Day
- c. Last Friday (3/12), we did a School-wide celebration for scholar's hard work
- d. The school has vaccination reports on 96% of our scholars (meeting state requirement)
- e. We have our 100% scholar daily engaged.
- f. 98% overall school attendance daily. Occasional travelers who miss a day or two.
- g. Current enrollment is 385 scholars (99%)
- h. As of March 2021, Quick Check scores for Math and ELA are above the goal of 75% of the class at or above the grade level.

**On the Horizon:**

- i. We have accountability conversations with each grade with action plans put in place for scholars not performing.
- j. We created the Intervention groups and plans put into place for targeted scholars
- k. We have our weekly grade-level meetings on Wednesday to implement planning
- l. Parent-Teacher Conferences are will be on 4/20 – 4/22
- m. One of the things we are changing is teachers will write narratives for each scholar as part of the report card process (more in-depth analysis of scholars performance this year)
- n. Spirit week will be just before spring break – 3/29-4/2

- o. After 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester we will be giving out academic awards to acknowledge and celebrate the scholars

**Parent Engagement Update:**

- p. SEPA held an online dance class for families of scholars on 2/24
- q. SEPA will be holding a Mixology class, for adults only
- r. 3/13 Appropriations Committee Meeting (many staff, parents, families, and scholars testified on the school's behalf)

**2021-2022 Lottery Update:**

- s. As of Monday, we received 311 applications for the school year 2021-2022

**Teacher Development:**

- t. Weekly team meetings on Wednesday's
- u. Deeper Dive Data meetings
- v. Continuing with the weekly informal/formal observations with the teachers

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting January 19, 2021:** Minutes were approved.

**4. Public Comments:**

Dr. Charlene Reid shared with the Board that Stamford Excellence was acknowledged by the new Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona during his Senate confirmation hearings. Congratulations to our Scholars, Staff, Parents, Board, and Stamford Excellence Community.

**The Meeting was adjourned.**