

RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 4, 2015 5:00 P.M.
1 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Paulette Hamilton. In addition to Ms. Hamilton, the directors present were Lisa Baldelli-Hunt, Chris Gruttadauria, Donna Stone and Raymond Leveille.

MINUTES

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Mr. Leveille, moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2015 meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE; ABSTAIN: STONE

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Murphy reported that the school has 48 scholars to date, with a 14 scholar waiting list, and are continuing efforts to recruit Burrville and North Smithfield scholars. For the 2016-2017 school year, the plan is to backfill three kindergarten classes and three first grade classes.

The 2016-2017 scholar application is open and there have been 47 applications received (7 first grade and 40 kindergarten).

Ms. Murphy is planning to hold approximately three open houses in the coming months for new scholars.

The school is currently fully staffed. Positions for the 2016-2017 school year will be posted by November 6, 2015 for 4 Kindergarten teachers, 4 first grade teachers and one PT Art of Music teacher. RISE Prep was awarded CSP implementation Grant of approximately \$273,000 that was not included in the Q1 Financial Report as the grant was received after the report was submitted. Current school expenses are normal for a start-up organization. Ms. Murphy is currently also in discussions with the Gates Foundation. Also in discussions for the "wireless classroom initiative" to receive a grant for wireless technology.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No comments from the Board Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF MEETING CALENDAR

The board of directors is requesting to develop a reoccurring meeting calendar. The first Wednesday of each month from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm will be the intended date and time.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Donna Stone is up for consideration of re-election to the board of directors.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, moved to approve the re-election of Ms. Donna Stone as a Class A member of the Board of Directors for a term expiring 2018. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

The board of directors continues to seek to add new members, particularly a member from the scholar-parent community.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to approve the addition of Steven Pontbriand as a Class A member of the Board of Directors thru 2018. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

Additional board member suggestions will be considered at future meetings.

DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ms. Murphy reminded the board of directors to invite community members and officials to visit the school and learn more.

DISCUSSION OF 2016/2017 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment numbers and efforts were discussed in the Head of School report. Please see notes in Head of School Report section above.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES, INC.

Ms. Stone, seconded by Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, moved pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(5) to go into Executive Session to discuss Charter School Support Services, Inc. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

* * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * *

Mr. Gruttadauria, seconded by Mr. Pontbriand, moved to leave executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

Ms. Stone, seconded by Mr. Leveille, moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Leveille, seconded by Mr. Pontbriand, moved to adjourn. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

Chair Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Gruttadauria
Secretary of the Board