BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING



- DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2021
- TIME: 5:30pm MST
- LOCATION: Via video conference:

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Board Members Present: Brett Reece, Chair; Rachel Ksenyak, Secretary; Christine O'Connell; Cassandra Stevenson, Treasurer

5280 Staff Present: Melissa Mouton, School Director

Guests Present: Matt Meyer, DPS

The meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by B. Reece.

1.0 COMMENTS

- The mission of 5280 High School was read
- Board members shared celebrations
- There were no public comments

2.0 CONSENT ITEMS

• Approve April 15, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

There being no further discussion, upon motion duly made by C. O'Connell and seconded by B. Reece, the motion to approve the April 15, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes was approved by the following vote:

Ayes	4
Noes	0
Abstentions	0

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

• Second Reading: Approval of 2021-2022 Initial Budget

The board reviewed the initial budget for a second time. M. Mouton reviewed changes. Of note on the expense side, we budgeted for 110 students, which is conservative; \$300K in Grants (~\$150K is secured, and we're expecting another \$200K in Aug); we reduced gifts/contributions to \$55K; and local Mills have all been set.

Of note on the expense side, the budget reflects full staffing at market rates; an additional teacher; decrease in consulting, decrease in nursing (contracting with Children's Hospital instead of DPS); and an increase for \$10K to 60K in supplies to build-out the woodshop.

There being no further discussion, upon motion duly made by R. Ksenyak and seconded by C. Stevenson, the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Initial Budget was approved by the following vote:

Ayes	4
Noes	0
Abstentions	0

• Approval of Ad Hoc Committee for Investigation of Expansion Feasibility

M. Mouton framed the discussion. In summary, 5280 has been approached by numerous stakeholders in other cities and states to expand to their areas. One of our funders has already committed \$50K to the effort. Mouton would like to form an ad hoc committee to explore expansion feasibility.

The board discussed pros and cons, concerns, questions, etc. In general, the board is in support of the investigation and gave the green light to begin informally. Next steps include identifying a board member to chair the committee and scoping out the work. The board will defer a formal vote to the June meeting when we have all members present.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- Finance Committee Report
 - Review April Financials

C. Stevenson gave the update. As in previous months, per pupil is tracking with where we are in the year, and Mill Levy funding is pretty well known at this point. There is a gap in federal funding; however, reimbursements will all be submitted by the end of the month, which will address the gap. Expenses are tracking pretty well where we want them to be; (facility is the obvious exception, as it has been in previous months.). Accounts receivable is negative, but that is also attributed to the reimbursements. Our relationship with the new accountant is going very well.

- Fundraising Committee Report
 - New grant confirmed: Signal Behavioral Health, \$25K, for 5280 R.E.C. Program

M. Mouton gave the update. We received the grant and have started the after-school program, which is going really well. It has been part of the 5280 vision to reach kids going through the legal system, and this gives us the opportunity to realize that vision.

Our new grant writer has started. We are fully funded for next year, so she is largely getting up to speed, focused on professionalizing our system, launching our SFDC account, etc.

• Governance Committee Report

R. Ksenyak gave the update. The School Director evaluation process is underway. Ksenyak went over the timeline and key deliverables, with board member evaluations due June 11th. The board will deliberate and discuss in closed session at the June meeting.

The board discussed holding our mini-retreat at the June meeting. Board members are in favor and agreed that we will focus on our training goal (delivered by Mouton), debriefing our board self-assessment, and strategy for the year ahead.

• Executive Director Report

M. Mouton gave the update. 5280 held its first exhibition in 18 months, with great success. Today, the school had financial advisors on-site for Shark Tank presentations. Graduation will be June 4th at 6pm, and we're anticipating eight graduates. We will need a board member volunteer for graduation. POLs are next week Wednesday and Thursday, May 26 and 27, 8:30-4pm. Board members are invited and should email M. Mouton with the times they plan to attend. The last week of school is next week. 5280 had a COVID outbreak and had to close the school, (eight students got sick). We are not sure what the DPS guidelines are for next year but discussed our proposed protocols. We will be in-person only next year.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by C. Stevenson, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 17th, 5:30p.m. – 7:30pm

6/17/21 Respectfully submitted by:

Rachel Ksenyak Secretary, 5280 High School Board of Directors