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KIPP Jacksonville
Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017

A KIPP Board meeting was held at KIPP Jacksonville on April 5, 2017.

Attendees:

Tom Majdanics
Gary Chartrand (via phone)
John Baker
Charlie Zimmer
Gary Norcross
Bill Walton
Dan Edelman
Timothy Groover
Cheryl Fountain
Jennifer Brown
Zach Rossley
Stephanie Salustro
Erin Almond

12:01 PM John Baker called the meeting to order, as Gary Chartrand was joining the meeting via phone.

Motion was made to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

Governance Committee Report

In Joe Barrow's absence, Tom gave an update on the status of the parent being considered to be appointed to the Board.

Fundraising Committee Report

Stephanie gave an update on the fundraising status. She spoke about Richard Barth's visit to KIPP and also about her visit to the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club.

She said the Jax Children's Commission grant had been submitted but received a rejection letter. Tom discussed details of this and said there will be a "second chance" drawing. Cheryl gave the Board some insight on the grant approval process. The Board agreed they should try to find out why this was rejected so that it can be revised and resubmitted.

Finance Committee Report

Dan informed the Board that the budget is on track. The Board members discussed questions about the budget handout with Tom.

Academic Update

Jen said much of her time has been preparing for her upcoming maternity leave. She said the school is in testing season and that the 3rd grade took the reading test last week, with results to be available in late May. The 4th graders are to test next week, and middle school the following week.

She gave an update on leadership status of the middle school.

Jen discussed the student progression plan, which is currently based on FSA testing. She would like to use STEP information in making progression decisions, but this will require an amendment.

VOTED: Motion was made to update the Student Progression Plan to include KIPP metrics. Motion was seconded and approved.

Tom discussed college partnerships. KIPP Jax already has a partnership with FSCJ, and Tom asked for help from the Board connecting with UNF. John Baker said he would help with this.

Tom discussed estimated college completion rates. Some issues are academic preparedness, lack of support system, social and emotion pull from home, short-term financial problems, and "overmatching." Tom then presented a video and information about a competency-based program being used at Southern New Hampshire University – Match Beyond. The program allows students to learn faster, graduate sooner, and save money. Tom will present a business plan in June regarding a similar program with KIPP. The Board said this was very interesting and they would like to hear more.

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Zach was scheduled to give a presentation of the bus entrance/exit project (for loading/unloading buses). However, he said they are not pursuing the project at this time due to the cost.

1:27 PM Jen, Zach, Tom, Stephanie, and Erin left the meeting.

Executive Session

The remaining Board members met during Executive Session.

2:01 PM Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Linda Powers