

KIPP Jacksonville
Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2015

A KIPP Board meeting was held at KIPP Jacksonville on December 18, 2015.

Attendees:

Tom Majdanics
Gary Chartrand
John Baker
Gary Norcross
Charley Zimmer
Joe Barrow
Bill Walton
Susie Wiles
Jennifer Brown
Zach Rossley
Visitor: Ms. Clark

12:10 PM The attendees were treated to a holiday musical presentation by kindergarten students.

Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order. Motion was made to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was seconded and minutes were approved.

Gary Chartrand welcomed Ms. Clark as a visitor. Ms. Clark thanked the Board for the wonderful job they are doing for the school.

Finance Committee Report

Zach presented the Finance Progress Report. He noted that they were 90% complete with the transition to the new accounting firm. Bill Walton discussed his thought that substantial savings might be made by consolidating insurance coverage across the KIPP network. John added that he believed the KIPP network was going to standardize curriculum, which would save money on books and materials. It was noted that busing was another area that could possibly be restructured, and Zach said they were looking into busing negotiations for next year.

Fundraising Committee Report

John discussed long-term and short-term items, and said a donor event was scheduled for February 11th. He noted that they need to expand the donor base and said that getting people to visit the school was a good way to do that. He encouraged board members to invite visitors and added that scheduling school visits once or twice a month was much less disruptive to the school and staff than individual visits.

He discussed the various grants and state funding that KIPP was expecting to receive and the fundraising goals needed to bridge the gap. He encouraged the board members to send fundraising letters and also to personally donate at a level that is comfortable to them.

Joe suggested asking donors to put KIPP on their "top three charities" list.

Tom gave an update on the status of the new building.

Governance Committee Report

Gary informed the Board that Paul Renner said, due to conflicts, he needs to be a non-voting board member. Therefore, they will need to add another board member.

Education Committee Report

The Academic Dashboard was distributed to the board members and Jen went over the information for all three schools. She also discussed student behavior and new strategies they've implemented, which have worked well. There was also discussion about the school grade formula changes.

KIPP Jax High School

Regarding the possibility of opening a high school at KIPP Jax, Tom presented a slideshow that included items which need to be considered. There was general discussion about this.

Board members also discussed the need to invest in following KIPP students in area high schools and keeping them on track to college.

1:53 PM Charley and Bill left the meeting.

Tom gave a brief status report on the math curriculum.

1:57 PM Gary Chartrand thanked everyone for coming and noted the next board meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2016. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Linda Powers