



ReNEW Board Meeting - February 25, 2021 - Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Board members present: S. Rosenthal, CJ El-Dahr, Greta Brustie, K. Edmundson, B. Weimer, K. Conklin, M. Landry, R. Kennedy, N. Hardie

Board members not present: M. Clem

Guests present: Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Ava Rose, Tammy Robicheaux, Lisa Giarratano, Toni Pickett

II. Approve Minutes

B. Weimer moved to approve 12/17/2021 meeting minutes. M. Landry seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Finance Committee Report

CJ El-Dahr explained that there are no major changes regarding the network's fund balance compared to the last time the board met. El-Dahr discussed the reduced sales taxes in the city and its potential impact on the network. He also shared positive news that ReNEW secured sizable funding from the CARES Act, as much as \$4.7 million toward next year's fund balance. El-Dahr stated that the network continues operating frugally amid the current uncertain economic climate. El-Dahr shared that the network's financial audit has been completed and contained no issues.

IV. CEO Report

A. Network Morale & Culture

T. Bryant explained that morale across the network has remained high during this challenging school year amid the pandemic. Bryant stated that network staff has already begun receiving vaccines, and she shared that New Orleans East Hospital will be performing on-site vaccinations at Schaumburg and DTA in the week following this meeting.

B. Winter MAP & Benchmark Results

Bryant explained that students took Benchmark 2 in December and that MAP testing was delayed due to the districtwide closure in January.

Bryant shared that there was no major change in student results in Benchmark 2 compared to results from last school year. Bryant stated that there was a decline in MAP math results compared to last year. She said plans are being implemented to address that gap. Bryant added that there will be another Benchmark testing round in March.

S. Rosenthal pointed out that, last year, student testing was trending positive.

C. LEAP 2021

Bryant explained that the network continues preparing diligently for LEAP tests. She shared that the testing dates have been pushed back this year due to some of the interruptions caused by the pandemic.

D. Planning for Summer and Next School Year

Bryant stated that the network is preparing for a rigorous summer school schedule, and she said the network expects around 400 students to participate. The focus, she said, will be on ELA and math. She also shared that the network plans to hold summer camps.

V. Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, K. Edmundson moved to adjourn. B. Weimer seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.