



## ReNEW Board Meeting - December 17, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

### I. Opening Items

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

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

**Board members not present:** S. Castellanos, K. Edmundson

**Guests present:** Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Kael Saloy

### II. Approve Minutes

R. Kennedy moved to approve 10/22/2020 meeting minutes. B. Weimer seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

### III. Governance Committee Report

M. Landry discussed having a positive meeting with Greta Brustie, a potential new parent board member. S. Rosenthal explained that the current parent board member, Susan Castellanos, will be moving on from the board next month.

#### **Motion to Approve New Board Member**

M. Landry moved to approve the proposed parent board member, Greta Brustie. CJ El-Dahr seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the member, who will begin in January.

### IV. Finance Committee Report

CJ El-Dahr explained that the budgetary situation hasn't seen significant change since the board met in October. El-Dahr stated that the network will continue operating in a frugal manner, especially ahead of a projected downturn in sales tax funding.

### V. CEO Report

#### **A. Renewal of SciTech and Schaumburg**

T. Bryant shared the news that SciTech and Schaumburg were recently approved for a three-year renewal. She explained the process for renewal and relayed more about the vote of confidence from the NOLA Public Schools superintendent and the school board.

S. Rosenthal shared that this decision was largely due to promising data coming from both schools, as well as very positive visits to the campuses by the superintendent and his team. Rosenthal and the ReNEW board commended Tanya Bryant and the ReNEW Schools team for their efforts.

T. Bryant explained that all ReNEW schools are currently performing above the citywide average as it relates to the instructional culture index.

**B. Update on the 2020-2021 school year**

**1. COVID updates**

Bryant shared that the network has had isolated impacts from positive COVID cases. She stated that ReNEW has continued following proper reporting guidelines. Bryant reiterated the network's policy relating to positive tests and the resulting response.

**2. Attendance**

Bryant discussed that there have been isolated impacts to attendance due to COVID. Bryant stated that approximately 70-percent of students are receiving in-person learning.

**VI. Motion to Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, N. Hardie moved to adjourn. K. Conklin seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.