



ReNEW Board Meeting - September 23, 2021 - Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM.

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

Board members not present: M. Clem, K. Conklin

Guests present: Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Kael Saloy, Tammy Robicheaux, Lisa Giarratano, Toni Pickett

II. Approve Minutes

R. Kennedy moved to approve 5/27/2021 meeting minutes. K. Edmundson seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Academic Committee Report

T. Bryant explained that ReNEW recently received LEAP scores from spring 2021 testing. She stated that these are the first scores received since 2018-2019 due to the COVID pandemic. Bryant pointed out that schools across the city experienced score declines, however, she said schools in the ReNEW network saw score declines at a smaller rate than the citywide average.

S. Rosenthal stated that the Academic Committee has determined there were positive indicators that ReNEW students were prepared to perform well in the 2019-2020 academic year, before testing was ultimately cancelled due to the pandemic.

Bryant stated that there will be a focus on improvement in math across all schools in the network.

IV. Pupil Progression Plan 2021-2022

Tammy Robicheaux introduced the Pupil Progression Plan for 2021-2022.

R. Kennedy moved to approve the PPP. K. Edmundson seconded. Board members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Finance Committee Report

A. Preliminary 2021 Financial Report

CJ El-Dahr stated the network was expecting to have to operate in a lean manner, however, he said the Finance Committee believes the network is in a good position at this time. He explained that the anticipated deficit situation has actually improved recently.

Kael Saloy stated that the network is in a strong position to continuing delivering its important work for students. Saloy stated that the economic impact due to COVID remains a challenge, however, he explained that the finance team has been able to mitigate some of those issues to due other funding opportunities.

B. Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget

K. Saloy summarized the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

CJ El-Dhar moved to adopt the budget. K. Edmundson seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the budget.

VI. COVID Policy Review

T. Bryant shared highlights and updates of the network's COVID policy.

VII. CEO Report

A. COVID updates

Bryant explained that the network began the school year with a number of COVID cases across the network, and she stated that there have been a number of quarantines.

B. Mandatory Vaccination Policy

Bryant stated that the network has adopted a mandatory vaccination policy. She shared that the deadline for employees to receive their second vaccination shot had to be adjusted due to Hurricane Ida.

C. Hurricane Ida Recovery

T. Bryant stated that network schools were out for a few weeks due to Hurricane Ida. She also shared the timeline for the return to learning for network schools.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

With no further business to discuss, K. Edmundson moved to adjourn. B. Weimer seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.