



MINUTES

## ACE Preparatory Academy

February 23, 2022, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

### Present:

Board Members: Shelly Thomas, Mitchell Gauger, Nick Leroy, Taylor Crenshaw, Tatiana Day

Absent Board Members: Maddie Augustus, John Shertzer, Jordan Oliver, LaToya Ashe

Ex-officio Members: Anna Shults

Guests: Miss Liles, Kerriesha Adams, Anne Eaton, Charles Ibrahim

### Welcome (Shelly Thomas):

- The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
- Shelly introduced guests

### Initial Business (Shelly Thomas):

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Nick and seconded by Mitchell. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The January 26, 2022, Agenda was approved. The motion to approve was made by Nick and seconded by Mitchell. The motion was approved unanimously.

### Opening Bell (Shelly Thomas):

- Report on Academic Date- Miss Liles
  - Miss Liles explained that the school uses I-Ready scores to gauge progress 3 times per school year.
  - The difficulties of COVID were evident at the beginning of the year, especially for new incoming scholars.
  - Mid-year results showed incredible growth, particularly in the kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. The math results were especially noteworthy.
  - Miss Liles credited faculty and staff for pushing through Covid and helping the scholars.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade mid-year results are a bit misleading as the makeup of the grade is quite a bit different than the beginning of the school year. The ability to manipulate the data with the I-Learn tool remains limited.
  - Miss Liles is still finding ways to measure growth of scholars who have been enrolled since kindergarten to be able to tell the overall Ace story.
  - Utilizing this data for recruitment efforts was discussed at length.

### Reports:

- **Head of School** (Anna Shults)
  - Annual process of ensuring food service management contract is underway. The process is extensive.
  - AYS requested meeting to discuss feasibility of before and after school care. New options may be needed.
  - CIES announced rate increased for 2022. Anna and Ms. Adams have met with Brian Anderson and staff to discuss details. The Finance committee has also been briefed.

- The health department inspection was successful.
- All federal grants have been fully executed and reimbursements for pre-approved expenses can now occur.
- DOE identified an oversight in grant processing. The process had yet to being as of 01-28-2022. Anna is in contact with DOE.
- Anna is finalizing job description for a full-time recruitment member. This person will also be responsible for social media and marketing efforts.
- A parents meeting was held on 02/22 to discuss 3<sup>rd</sup> grade I-Read testing. Additional questions about parental involvement on the school board was brought up. A later discussion may be needed.
- Leadership is reviewing guidelines for high ability identification.
- **Finance Committee Report** (Shelly Thomas)
  - LaToya was not present to share.
  - CSP grant must be spent by 9/30.
- **Academic Committee Report** (Shelly Thomas)
  - Did not meet.
- **Facilities Ad-hoc Committee Report** (Shelly Thomas)
  - Did not meet. Put on hold due to Covid.
- **Development/Fundraising Committee Report**
  - Did not meet.
- **Organizational Excellence** (Shelly Thomas)
  - Did not meet.

#### Old Business (Shelly Thomas):

- None.

#### New Business (Shelly Thomas):

- Motion to approve Charles Ibrahim to ACE Prep Board was made by Mitchell and seconded by Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made to move to executive session to discuss personnel issue. Motion by Mitchell and seconded by Nick. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### Executive Session:

- Executive session began at 5:20 pm.
- Motion to move to general meeting made by Nick LeRoy and seconded by Tatiana Day. Motion approved unanimously. Executive session ended at 5:30 pm.

#### Next Meeting:

- March 31, 2022, Board Meeting 4-5:30, Location: TBD

#### Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Mitchell Gauger and seconded by Nick LeRoy. Motion was approved unanimously.