



MINUTES

ACE Preparatory Academy

August 30, 2023 4:04 – 5:09 PM

Present:

- Board Members: Tatiana Day, Alex Maggos, Michell Gauger (virtual), LaToya Ashe, Jordan Oliver (virtual), John Shertzer
- Not in Attendance: N/A
- Ex-officio Members: Amanda Liles, Kerriesha Adams
- Public Members: Anna Schults, Brian Anderson

Welcome (TD):

- The June 28, 2023 Board Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM.
- The mission statement was read at 4:04 PM to start the meeting.

Initial Business (TD):

- Kiara Swygert stepped down from the Board due to time commitments
- LaToya Ashe will step into the Treasurer role (elevated from Interim Treasurer)
- Approval of August 2023 Agenda (JS & LA - MPVV)
- Approval of June 2023 Minutes (JS & LA – MVPP as amended)
 - June meeting minutes require an amendment under “Welcome” from February 22 Meeting Minutes to May 28 Meeting Minutes
- New Board Member Confirmation: Jeff Frank (LA & JS – MPVV)

Upcoming Meetings (TD):

- The Board is amending the calendar to meet 5 times per year. Meetings will meet at 4:00 PM on the last Wednesday of select months. These include:
 - Wednesday, October 25, 2023
 - Wednesday, January 31, 2024
 - Wednesday, March 27, 2024
 - Wednesday, May 29, 2024
- These updates reflect how other Charter Boards of similar size and tenure meet.
- The Board will review and adapt the policies and bylaws to reflect these changes, in addition to language around virtual attendance.
 - A Resolution will be created to reflect these changes to be voted on in

October.

Open Discussion/Public Comment: (TD)

- Brian Anderson and Anna Schults were in attendance, but no comments were made at the time of public comment

Updates & Open Discussion (KA & AL):

● **Treasurer's Report**

- Recruitment: Up to 111 from 116 (stems from pre-K partnerships)
- ACE Prep received the following grant dollars during the month of August:
 - Basic Grant=\$106,063.25 on 8.15.23
 - Title I=\$4,755.45 on 8.15.23
 - Part B (June)=\$3272.50 on 8.15.23
 - ESSER=\$2,856.87 on 8.15.23
 - Title I=\$2430.82 on 8.29.23

● **Board Participation in Recruitment**

- There is a need for the Board to continue to engage with Scholars and staff on a reoccurring basis
- Amanda and Kerriesha are currently looking at how other Charters are elevating their Boards for recruitment efforts
- The Board discussed the following potential recruitment efforts:
 - Engage the Ace Prep staff to see where their interests are to leverage as recruitment efforts and/or other scholar engagement efforts
 - Engage the community via events at the school to raise awareness and visibility of Ace Prep, in addition to having the Board attend these engagement events
 - Elevate I-READ scores as they were strong in the 2022-23 school year
- The Board will review the updated bylaws and language around the specific Committee roles and responsibilities to discuss in October (includes roles and responsibilities for recruitment and enrollment)
- The Board will put together a preliminary template with activities where the Board can support in recruitment efforts
- Mitch will meet with the MindTrust on areas for recruitment

COO & Principal Report (KA & AL):

- Hop, Skip, Drive: This is a transportation tool that the school has secured a one-year contract with
 - Public transportation historically has not been a feasible option
- Fundraising Event: Aiming for one initiative a month
 - Considering Read-a-Thon for 2023-24 school year but a new timing than years

former

- Scholar and Family Engagement: Will provide small incentive to Scholars with the best attendance
- Staffing: Updates have been implemented in alignment with Board feedback
- Academics: Having 2nd graders do IREAD to support remediation efforts
- Attendance: Attendance rate was above 90% every day

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 25, Board Meeting 4-5:30 PM, Location: ACE Prep School 5326 Hillsdale Ave., Indianapolis IN 46220.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm (LA & JF – MPVV).

Virtual Votes:



Mitchell Gauger

to me, Kerriesha, Tatiana ▾

Hello All:

Please add this verification of my voice votes to the appropriate minutes:

- 1.) yes to approve meeting minutes
- 2.) yes to approve board agenda
- 3.) yes to approve Jeff Frank as new board member
- 4.) yes to adjourn meeting

Best,
Mitchell Gauger