



Inspired Teaching
Demonstration School

Board of Directors Meeting
APPROVED 11.9.22

August 31, 2022

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. ET

at the Inspired Teaching Demonstration School
300 Douglas Street NE, Washington, DC

In attendance: Andrea Browning, Morris Clarke, Maureen Ingram, Aleta Margolis, Lucy Newton, Sundai Riggins, Pete Weber, Rusty Wilson, Leah Squires

Absent: N/A

Staff: Kate Keplinger

Minutes by: Joanne Irby, Board Secretary

Called to Order: 6:13 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: The Board moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 7, 2022.
Approved without objection.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee**
 - Report on the bond financing, which was approved, and the related ongoing reporting obligations.
 - Discussion of identifying a vendor to take over running the building now that Building Pathways is no longer part of the LLC. Any contract will go before the Board for approval.
- **Nominations and Governance Committee**
 - Report on process with Education Board Partners to identify potential candidates; will have that list for the next meeting.
- **Demonstration Committee**
 - Committee members have talked among themselves and with the Head of School about demonstration work this school year; Dr. Riggins has sent some ideas about how the School and Center may connect around the demonstration mission.
- **Academic Committee**

- Will meet in two weeks, will be able to look at PARCC scores, meet the new leadership team, see how they want to approach data and outcomes this year.
- **Board Priorities for the SY 22-23**
 - Executive Committee took the areas identified by the Board and framed them as priorities that would inform the goals and ongoing work of the Committees for 2022-23
 - Demonstration Priority: More clearly articulate the demonstration function of our school and the Board's specific role in supporting it
 - Outcomes Priority: Ensure that board members have a common understanding of how we talk about ITDS' outcomes and that we can engage in meaningful conversations about results.
 - Equity Priority: Support the school in its efforts to advance its equity priorities.
 - Strategic Planning Priority: Engage the community around a 3-5 year strategic planning process.

Board approval of Committee Chair Nominees:

- Rusty Wilson, Finance
- Morris Clark, Nominations and Governance
- Aleta Margolis and Maureen Ingram, Demonstration
- Michelle Lerner, Academic

Motion: The Board moved to Approve the nominated Committee Chairs for SY22-23.

Approved without objection.

Head of School updates:

- New Leadership Team and Structure, including a Principal for the entire school and 2 assistant principals; Dr. Riggins ran a 3-day leadership team retreat for the new team focused on pedagogy and leadership building, including content from Center for Inspired Teaching
- New Lunch Vendor: Luncheras is the vendor the students voted as the highest through taste-testing; Also offering staff lunch for \$5
- COVID: No longer doing testing, but have retained the indoor mask mandate; will re-evaluate a few weeks after the Labor Day holiday after this last travel rush; community survey about masking is very mixed.
- Academics:
 - Update on AALE certification process
 - PARCC results are currently embargoed, but the release from OSSE will be on Friday
- Family Engagement: Principal Johnson and Dr. Riggins brainstormed some engagement opportunities; will work with IFA to develop a calendar of events. Had first IFA meeting last week, all new IFA leadership team
- Equitable Access: Have received a revised proposal from vendor and hope to move that work forward in October

- Academic Identity: Engage the school community to develop a clear and concise statement that captures the school's unique academic identity. A member of staff will help compile guiding practices as part of an academic program; Will inform the work of the demonstration committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 pm.