

1/10/17 Governing Board Minutes

Attendees: Israel Ruiz, Katie Everett, Traci Walker-Griffith, Michelle Mehra, Lynne Johnson, Petey Prinn, Emily Galindo, Kai Morrell, Morgan Atkins, Lydia Torres, Drew Linder, Stacey Head

4:05- Positive Refleciton

- Traci- Lydia and Traci went to the new school and it looks AWESOME!
- Emily- Third grade started Japanese writing unit and the kids are excited!
- Petey- K2 meet and greet last night at Lucca and it went really well.

4:10- Minutes Approved

- Both November and December minutes approved via email.

4:12- Principal Update

- The budget was submitted last week for approval.
- Traci was able to find the funding for ELT and the regular BPS school day.
- DESE will be visiting in 3 weeks to determine if we are an exemplary school.
- Innovation Plan was submitted and accepted.

4:15- Diversity Committee Update

- Portions of the vision statement has been a driving force: "All students learn in culturally responsive classrooms and are celebrated for who they are."
- 2 diversity committees: Special Education Committee and Cultural Inclusion Committee
- Special Education Committee- Develop and share best practices, ABA training for teachers, Autism Awareness month activities.
- Cultural Inclusion Committee- Raising awareness about the Eliot in Communities of color for registration, Curating resources for teachers, Researching PD options.
- Both Committees will present to GB for updates on what is going on with both.
- *Stacey- Can there be a way for parents to get involved in either of the committees?*
 - It will be discussed on how to better include the parents in the process.
- Different tiers for goals for the committees: Immediate (2-3 months), Short Term (This school year), Long Term (Next Year +).
- Immediate- Registration outreach at Charlestown Head Start, Bunker Hill CC, Charlestown Housing Development.
- SHort Term- Evaluate read aloud and mentor texts, creating best practices for staff, development opportunities for affinity groups and increased representation, explore PD opportunities for staff,
- Long Term- Developing shared language for staff, students and families, evaluating our curriculum for cultural inclusion opportunities, structures to support diverse students- internal translation system, fun for field trips, family groups.

4:30- Budget Update

- \$609,000 was the latest then an additional 10 kids brings the total to \$619,000.
- 619 kids will give us a new 3rd grade, 5th grade.

- Opted out of services and recouped \$88,000.
 - Home and hospital, athletics, other services that we can get without having to pay.
- Maintaining specialists and adding art and additions PE classes for SY 17/18.

Next Steps

Traci will present to Family Council in March about school updates

Traci will have a proposal for SY 17/18 budget in March for GB

Moving Committee will update on the plan in March

Fundraising update in February's GB meeting

Where we are and where we need to be for fundraising at February GB