

## Board Minutes January 20, 2021

Present:

Erik Bengtsen, Steve Foxley, Mary Glauser, Larry Hintze, Walker Kennedy, Nate Seim, Kelle Smart, Taylor Woodbury  
Staff: Ram Prasad Boppana, Gareth Orr, Sonia Woodbury

Walker opened the meeting at 4:17 pm.

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** Erik made a motion to approve the November and December minutes as presented, Mary seconded, and all were in favor.

**Financial Report:** Prasad reviewed the financial statements for December. Prasad noted that the adjusted FY21 budget. Prasad asked for 3 Board members to form the Board Audit Committee and meet with him.

**Approval of the Audited Financial Statements:** Walker reviewed the statements and responded to Board questions. Steve made a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statement as presented, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

**Approval of direction for Competency-based Education Project:** Mary reviewed the school's progress this year during their planning of this state grant. Mary noted that involvement with this state initiative helps City Academy better build the mission of the school. We will be applying for the next two-years of the project as an Implementation Grant. Steve made a motion to approve the direction of Competency-based Education Grant Project as presented, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

**Director's Update:** City Academy staff are in the process of getting their Covid-19 vaccines. We will be able to finish the first round in January and then the second round by the first week of March. We would like to reopen the school mid-March after vaccines are complete and barring any further complicating issues in the larger community. Sonia noted that SLCSD is reopening Feb. 8 on a 2 days/week at school schedule like we tried last fall with little student success. Sonia noted that student attendance is maintaining, there are still too many students doing very poorly with attendance and achievement. Teachers and support staff are working urgently with those students and their parents. Student recruitment ads are running through a Facebook campaign, radio ads, billboards, but response is slow.

Student attendance is remaining at about Oct. 1 level with a few students leaving and some new joining since then. Recruitment efforts for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and for next fall are ramping up. Sonia received the Board's input on some different promotional materials, both for aesthetics and messaging. The Board was enthusiastic to promote that City has "teachers who know you and who care." Sonia will continue to work with our marketing firm for advertising beginning in January.

**Adjournment:** Nate made a motion to close the meeting, Kelle seconded, and all were in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

DATED the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sonia Woodbury

APPROVED the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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