

Board Minutes June 23, 2021

Present:

Erik Bengtzen, Steve Foxley, Mary Glauser, Larry Hintze, Walker Kennedy, Nate Seim, Kelle Smart

Staff: Ram Prasad Boppana, Sonia Woodbury

Excused: Taylor Woodbury

Walker opened the hybrid in-person/online meeting at 4:16 PM

There was no public comment.

Meet our new principal. Ben Macey introduced himself and expressed his enthusiasm for the opportunity to work at City Academy. He was especially attracted to our mission of building character along with academics. He is already working on family engagement ideas.

Approval of Minutes: Kelle made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented, Steven seconded, and all were in favor.

Financial Report: Prasad reviewed financial reports.

Review FY2022 Budget for June Approval. The Board discussed enrollment and is preprepared to review the proposed budget again for approval in June.

Approval of UTA contract. Prasad reviewed the contract for the whole UTA charter school consortium which our Board needs to approve as City Academy administers the UTA Charter Consortium program. Mary made a motion to approve the FY2021 final budget, Nate seconded, and all were in favor.

Fraud Risk Assessment report. Prasad reviewed this annual requirement from the state auditor's office which began last year. We ended with a low risk score 320/395. Prasad also noted that a state auditor requested information about our low enrollment and low cash on hand. That has now been reconciled with that auditor.

Approval Final FY2021 Budget. Prasad reviewed the FY2021 budget actual final numbers. We should be ending the school year with a profit of about \$23,000. Erik made a motion to approve the FY2021 final budget, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

Approval of FY2022 Proposed Budget. The board discussed the nature of this budget as variable based on enrollment in the fall. Larry made a motion to approve the FY2022 budget as presented, Kelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Approval of revised Dress Code . Ben discussed the thought process that went into revision of the dress code. We wanted something that upholds freedom of expression, does not reinforce stereotypes, and that is simple to communicate and enforce. Steve made a motion to approve the FY2022 budget as presented, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

Approval of 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. Sonia reviewed the 3 days for teachers to prepare and have PST conferences that are a part of the calendar. Mary made a motion to approve the FY2022 budget as presented, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

Director's Update. Sonia reviewed GQ graduation. There were 17 seniors enrolled to begin this school, year. 14 graduated on June 5. One will finish this summer (88%). 2 may be drop outs (12%). 16/17 have College & Career ready math competency "GQ" as per state rule R277-700-9. 12/17, 71% had 4 years of math, the other 4 students finished their IEP career goals related to math ready competency. Note: no students qualified by ACT or other test score.

Service Learning Internship Capstone Projects – Sonia shared action research papers from Luther, Jacy, Jordan to illustrate what our students learn from this experience.

Enrollment & Student Recruitment – Sonia shared copies of 2 different Radio Adlib ads for City Academy that are playing right now. We are also running FB and google ad campaigns. Ben will be working with our new leadership team to focus on family engagement and retaining all of our current students, and also work on new student recruitment efforts.

Chair Planning. Walker talked about parent enthusiasm at graduation, so rewarding to be a part of it. The Board decided not to meet in July. The next meeting will be August 18.

Adjournment:

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nate seconded, and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM

DATED the 23rd day of June, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sonia Woodbury

APPROVED the 18th day of August, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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