

MINUTES

Dr. Ray Hill, Chairperson

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by Dr. Hill, Chair
Roll Call at 6:35 pm (Present: Dr. Hill, Dr. Gilliard, Ms. Haygood, Atty. Mason, Agent Young and Mrs. Smith Absent: Mrs. Swann and Dr. Dennis)
2. Adoption of Agenda Motion: Agent Young Seconded: Ms. Hagood Passed unanimously.
3. Public Participation
4. Approval of 15 Aug 2020 Minutes Motion: Agent Young Seconded: Ms. Haygood Passed unanimously.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Financial Responsibility

CFO's Report Ms. Candy Yu & Agent Donrich Young
• No Report

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Governance and Leadership Dr. Ray Hill
• No Report

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Foster a Safe and Supportive Learning Environment with Facility and Infrastructure Development

CEO's Report Mr. Lonnie Hall
• Telecommunications Update (AT&T Service)
• Civil Action Update (Charter Group vs. DeKalb County School District)
• MOPS Update

The CEO provided the Board with an update on the telecommunications system repair issues with AT&T. For the benefit of newer Board Members, a review of the historic challenges with AT&T dating back to 2014 was covered. Because of the Board's concern regarding several challenges associated with this vendor providing sustainable service, the CEO is seeking concurrence from the Board to terminate the contract with AT&T and pursue other vendors capable of providing adequate, sustainable telecommunications services if this current battery of issues cannot be rectified in an acceptable period of time, and then sustained over time. The CEO also provided the Board with an update on the formal civil action filed with the DeKalb County Courts against the school's local authorizer as a result of the unresolved funding issues of critical concern over the last several years. The CEO reminded the Board that LPA is continuing to follow its school opening work plan as developed by the CLO/CAO, by engaging stakeholders, in consideration of guidelines and best practices as outlined by CDC, DeKalb Health Department, Georgia Dep't of Public Health, etc., and which is designed to ensure a safe return of faculty and staff to the building.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Recruit and Retain Top Talent

CLO's Report Dr. Tonya Williams
• HR Report
• Student Enrollment Report

The CLO provided the HR report which including the reduction in force report as a result of the funding challenges for FY21. The enrollment for students was impacted as a result of the pandemic. LPA has lost about 36 returning and/or new students as a result of the pandemic. The report reflected that the majority of students enrolled in schools outside of DeKalb County. The current enrollment stands at 375.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Academic Achievement

CAO's Report Dr. Tonya Williams
• Virtual Learning Update

The CAO provided an update on the implementation of eLearning included past and future professional development activities; electronic device distribution; meal plan; PPE purchases; results of surveys; teacher safety plan; student supply distribution, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Executive Sessions of the Governance Board of Directors are provided by statute to allow Boards to address issues involving privileged information and matters of a CONFIDENTIAL nature.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

5. Next Scheduled

6. Meeting Adjournment Motion: Agent Young Seconded: Ms. Haygood Passed unanimously. TIME: 7:25 pm

Strategic Goals

- Goal 1: LPA will meet all targets required by the CCRPI and Beating the Odds goals, as defined by Georgia state requirements and the State's waiver for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This goal will be subject to any amendment, waiver or reauthorization thereof during the term of the charter.
Goal 2: LPA will demonstrate student proficiency and improvement on national norm referenced assessments.
Goal 3: In each year of the charter 100% of the students in grades K-8 will complete an electronic Leadership Portfolio that will document satisfactory completion of at least 80% of the objectives of the Leadership Curriculum for their specific grade level. In each year of the charter, students will improve their satisfactory completion rate by at least 3%, or until they have demonstrated mastery of the objectives (i.e., reached a rate of 90% or more).
Goal 4: LPA will implement programs and procedures that will lead to state STEM Certification by year 4 of the 1st renewal term of the charter.
Goal 5: LPA shall be economically sustainable.
Goal 6: LPA shall ensure that all Governing Board Members receive effective training.

Goal 7: *LPA promotes a positive school experience that engages students, parents and teachers.*

Goal 8: *LPA will identify, recruit and retain top talent.*

Topic: Governance Board Meeting

Time: Aug 27, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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