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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR GIFTED LEARNING

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Galileo School for Gifted Learning duly called and held on July 22, 2022 via Zoom and at Galileo, Sanford, FL.

Board members present:

- ✓ Javier Rivera, Vice Chair
- ✓ Caleb Edwards, Member
- ✓ Rich Margadonna, Member
- ✓ Joe MacLaren, Member
- ✓ Treva Marshall, Member
- ✓ Kevin Miller, Member

Board members absent:

- ✓ Michele Gill, Chair
- ✓ Debbie Hahs-Vaughn
- ✓ Jason Brodeur

With the approval of the directors present, Javier Rivera acted as Chair of the meeting, and Joe MacLaren recorded the minutes.

On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted that the minutes of the meeting of board of directors from May 31, 2022 to be taken as read. There were no edits to the minutes. Motion to approve by Caleb Edwards, Second by Kevin Miller. Unanimously approved.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Celebrations/Recognitions-
- III. Celebrations: Riverbend got an A in the annual school grades issued by the Department of Education. Skyway received a B but would have had an A if it had offered 8th grade. Skyway did not receive the “middle school acceleration score” that is a computation in the school grade calculation because we did not have 8th grade.
- IV. We have had good luck in hiring. We have almost all vacant positions filled. We are also fully enrolled and on a waiting list in all grades.
- V. Informational Items
 - a. IMPORTANT REMINDER: All board committee meetings—and subcommittee meetings--MUST be open to the public. Board chairs have a responsibility to ensure that these meetings are added to the Galileo School calendar at least a week in advance, with a location or link for remote access. Please keep minutes or notes on each meeting and report them to the Board in the subsequent month.
 - b. Update on SB1690 (Charter School Loan Bill)—state financial support for new charter school buildings.
- VI. Principal Report (M. Nunez)
 - a. Updates. Staffing is looking good for the coming school year. There is still an open Dragon Watch position on both campuses. Michelle is interested in a security software product called Bark (www.bark.us/schools), which discreetly monitors student use of school electronics and the school's network to look for mental health warning signs. The board was supportive of the use of this product.
- VII. Consent Agenda

New Hires

Miguel Garzon - Instructional Assistant/Dragon Watch - Riverbend
 Jasmine Ripley - Cafeteria Support/ Skyway
 Dana Barr - Finance Clerk Riverbend/Skyway
 Kaitlyn Nardi - Middle School Teacher- Science - Skyway
 Jill Wood - Elementary Teacher - Riverbend
 Robyn Falcone - Middle School Science - Skyway
 Stephanie Einstein - Permanent Substitute- Skyway
 Kimberly Helf - Instructional Assistant – Riverbend
 Nicole Vazquez- Instructional Assistant/Dragon Watch – Skyway
 Cynthia Lopez – School Nurse - Skyway

Employee Position Transfers

Briana Nichols from Skyway permanent substitute to Skyway MS ELA teacher
 Kelly Hicks from Skyway Instructional Assistant to Skyway 5th grade teacher

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committee Reports

- i. Budget and Finance Committee (MacLaren)- Treasurer's Report presented by Joe MacLaren. We ended the fiscal year at Riverbend with \$6.1 million in income and \$5.4 million in expenses for a surplus of \$700,000. We ended the fiscal year at \$6.2 million in expenses and \$6.4 million in expenses for a deficit of \$250,000. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Treva, Second by Kevin. Unanimously approved.
- ii. Curriculum Committee (M. Gill)- tabled
- iii. Development & Grants (T. Marshall) – Ms. Marshall gave an update on fundraising efforts. She continues to plan the Gala for the upcoming school year. She is interested in using an online platform called Double Your Donation. Motion to approve subscribing to the Double your Donation platform for \$799 per year by Rich, Second by Caleb, with all in favor.
- iv. Marketing (C. Edwards)- Mr. Edwards informed the board that GreenHouse is 70-80% complete with the School's new website. It should be unveiled soon, possibly at the next Board Meeting. It will have a donation button that will direct the viewer to our different campaigns.

b. Special Committee Reports

- i. Facility Committee (K. Miller)
 - ii. Facility updates-Kevin Miller provided a Facilities Committee update. Riverbend recently underwent some repairs in an effort to finally stop the roof leaks on the east side of the building. Skyway has been experiencing air conditioning issues that need to be addressed.
 - iii. Update on reserve study- Mrs. Nunez reported that the reserve study should be available in the coming weeks.
- iv. Strategic Planning Committee (R. Margadonna)
 - v. Strategic Planning—Report and next steps – No new report.
- vi. Health & Wellness Committee (J. Brodeur)- No new report

- IX. PTSA/SAC Updates-Michelle Lee provided an update on the PTA at Skyway. They are engaged in making sure the campus grounds are clean. They are excited that the parent volunteer requirement has been reinstated and are hopeful that this will help with the campus's efforts and appearance.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Annual review of student achievement and retention data – tabled. Mrs. Nunez will report in August.
- II. Annual review of Board’s conflict of interest policy - tabled
- III. Annual review of board policies and procedures - tabled
- IV. Operational issues- No operational issues are reported.
- V. Board recruitment- Although the board is currently full, any community members interested in joining the Galileo Board should consider serving on one of the board committees.
- VI. Revisit allowing enrollment preferences for governing board members at the conclusion of the CSP grant. Tabled. Will revisit at the conclusion of the CSP grant.
- VII. Michele Gill, Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Kevin Miller eligible for Board reappointment. Motion made to reappoint Dr. Gill. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to reappoint Debbie Hahs Vaughn. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made to reappoint Kevin Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Revised budgets. Revisions were needed based on updates from the state funding and the district's recommendation to have two separate budgets for our respective campuses. Mrs. Nunez presented the revised budgets, which have now been split into two school budgets. The expenses of the portables have now been added in. Mr. Edwards questioned whether the Skyway expenses were scheduled to ramp up over time and whether this was factored into the budget. Michelle stated that Skyway is projected to break even financially in 2022-2023 and will not require financial support from Riverbend. Motion to approve the revised FY 2022-2023 budgets by Mr. Miller, Second by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. i. 2022-2023 Mental Health Plan was presented to the board. Mrs. Nunez conveyed that the plan was comparable to the previous year. Galileo continues to fund a full-time mental health counselor for each school, along with a school psychologist for each site. Motion to approve the Mental Health Plan by Kevin Miller, Second by Treva Marshall. Motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dates are not established yet.

- X. Adjournment

There being no further business to transact at the time, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.

Dated: July 21, 2022

Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Secretary