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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 December 7, 2020 at Galileo, Sanford FL, and remotely via Zoom.

Board members present:

- ✓ Michele Gill, Chair
- ✓ Javier Rivera, Vice Chair
- ✓ Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Secretary
- ✓ Jason Brodeur, Member
- ✓ Caleb Edwards, Member
- ✓ Rich Margadonna, Member
- ✓ Joe MacLaren, Member
- ✓ Kevin Miller, Member

Board members absent:

- ✓ Treva Marshall, Member

Guests present:

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With the approval of the directors present, Michele Gill acted as Chair of the meeting, and Debbie Hahs-Vaughn recorded the minutes.

On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted that the minutes of the meeting of board of directors from Oct. 19, 2020 to be taken as read.

Town Hall Notes

Suggestion: Change name to the Galileo School for Gifted Learning for Neuro Diverse Learners. The board appreciates the suggestion. While consideration of a name change is interesting, the board feels that we have branded our current name and there is not the consideration at this time.

Faculty and staff were invited to ask questions. In the absence of questions, the chairs of the curriculum, health and wellness, and facility committees shared their board report.

Board Meeting

- I. Celebrations.
 - I. Congratulations to Mr. Jason Brodeur for election to the state Senate.
 - II. We are still celebrating Galileo's 10th anniversary.

- II. Informational Items
 - I. Parent volunteer hours. Given the pandemic, inquiries are coming in about whether the volunteer hours will be decreased since parents cannot be on campus. Tabled.

- III. Principal Report (M. Nunez)
 - I. Staffing Update. Galileo is fully staffed right now. There have been plenty of applicants for the open positions.

 - II. Budget update will be provided in the treasurer's report.

 - III. Lottery update. Galileo is at max capacity on both campuses and there is a wait list for both campuses.

- IV. Consent Agenda
 - I. Approval of Galileo School Innovative Learning Plan for January-May 2021
 - II. New hire recommendations:
 - i. Sierra Van Allen - Permanent Sub - Skyway/Riverbend
 - ii. Ariana Collado - Permanent Sub - Skyway
 - iii. Destiny Decker - Permanent Sub - Riverbend
 - iv. Aida Mosher - Permanent Sub – Skyway
 - III. Motion made, second, all in favor of approving the consent agenda.

- V. Committee Reports
 - I. Standing Committee Reports
 - i. Budget and Finance Committee (MacLaren)
 - ii. Update on bonds for purchasing Riverbend facility. See new business.
 - iii. Review quarterly budget. Through October end, \$48.5K income and \$1.76 expenses. Skyway, \$1.54M expenses and \$83K income. The grant funds are not reflected in the current budget.

- iv. Curriculum Committee
 - v. PEAKS meeting update. The PEAKS program was first implemented with gifted students. Given its success, high achieving students will be asked to apply. The goal will be a 3-hour block. The committee is discussing what the PEAKS program may look like if traditional grades are not provided (e.g., quality, rubrics) and how to work with civics since it is a tested program in middle school.
 - vi. Development & Grants (T. Marshall)
 - vii. Update on Science campaign. The pre-vet program has been embraced by Galileo families. Links to contribute to the Galileo science campaign are provided at the following. These have been marketed in a number of ways to families. So far, about \$1,000 has been raised, with 25% of goal achieved at Skyway and 36% of goal achieved at Riverbend.
 1. <https://donate.galileogiftedschool.org/campaign/riverbend-science-program-2020/c269931>
 2. <https://donate.galileogiftedschool.org/campaign/skyway-science-program-2020/c289268>
 - viii. Update on plans for 10th Year of Galileo School celebrations. A book library is in the works.
 - ix. Gala for September is being planned.
 - x. Marketing (C. Edwards). See development and grants updates for campaign efforts. Hotspot was used to streamline the campaign efforts. Website analytics: About 53% increase over last year at this same time.
- II. Special Committee Reports
- i. Facility Committee (K. Miller)
 - ii. Facility updates: Skyway and Riverbend. The updated timeline from contractor has been received (completed at end of December per the contractor), and the committee is working on finalizing when it may be feasible to move in. The committee is working on a lease extension for the Midway campus and expect spring break to be a more reasonable timeline. The committee is in discussion of bundling both buildings on the bond issuance.
 - iii. Strategic Planning Committee (R. Margadonna). No updates. The committee will be meeting in the spring.
 - iv. Health & Wellness Committee (J. Brodeur). Farm to school program is one program that is being considered. The goal is to empower children and families to make informed food choices as well as contribute to the local economy. This may include a school garden or educational activities.

VI. PTA/SAC Updates

OLD BUSINESS

- VII. Review and approve Principal's Individual Leadership Development Plan. Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the plan.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments fielded.

NEW BUSINESS

- VIII. In accordance with Florida Statute 1002.33(9)(p)(3), moving forward, it is proposed that Galileo School Board meetings meet with a hybrid attendance option such that board members and guests may choose to attend virtually via the statute permissions below, with the school principal and at least one Board member present in person.
- I. *Each charter school's governing board must hold at least two public meetings per school year in the school district where the charter school is located. The meetings must be noticed, open, and accessible to the public, and attendees must be provided an opportunity to receive information and provide input regarding the charter school's operations. The appointed representative and charter school principal or director, or his or her designee, must be physically present at each meeting. Members of the governing board may attend in person or by means of communications media technology used in accordance with rules adopted by the Administration Commission under s. 120.54(5)*
 - II. Motion made, second, all in favor to approve the proposed attendance option.
 - Our in-person representatives: Javier Rivera and Caleb Edwards
- IX. Consideration of Exercising 2021 Galileo Riverbend Purchase Option. Motion made, second, all in favor to approve submitting the letter to Building Hope to exercise the right to purchase the Riverbend facility.
- X. Consideration of adoption of parent donation of Life Vac anti-choking device. There is not much data available on the effectiveness of the device. The Board is appreciative of the offer to donate the device to the school, however we will reconsider the acceptance of the device when SCPS adopts at other schools in the district.
- XI. Caleb Edwards eligible for Board reappointment. Motion made, second, all in favor to reappoint Caleb Edwards to the Board.

XII. Treva Marshall eligible for board reappointment. Motion made, second, all in favor to reappoint Treva Marshall to the Board.

XIII. Upcoming Meetings

I. Schedule Jan-May board meetings

XIV. Important Dates

JANUARY 20, 5:30

- Zoom:
- Board members present F2F:
- Schedule Curriculum Committee meeting for spring
- January 2021: Plan bond purchase for building

FEBRUARY 10, 5:30

- Zoom:
- Board members present F2F:
- Review of quarterly budget
- Open Principal Evaluation (Marzano) in Qualtrics and create a SECOND evaluation survey for the Board re: CEO duties and mission/vision
- General Town Hall for stakeholders
- Javier Rivera and Jason Brodeur eligible for Board reappointment

MARCH 10, 5:30

- Zoom:
- Board members present F2F:
- Plan Strategic Planning Retreat
- Complete Qualtrics survey of iObservation eval for principal and of Galileo-specific survey
- Board Visit Day at Galileo School
- Annual parent/teacher/student survey
- Board of Directors formally observes and evaluates School Principal and conducts walk through of the school. Complete principal survey via Qualtrics.
- Joe MacLaren renew Board Training, April 2021

APRIL 21, 5:30

MAY 12, 5:30

XV. Adjournment

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

Dated: December 7, 2020

Debbie Hahs-Vaughn, Secretary