

Baltimore Teacher Network
Board Meeting – Principal Interviews for Board of Directors
August 22, 2016
5:00p

Board Members in Attendance: J.T. Thornton, Matt Wernsdorfer, Shanelle Hopkins, Venus Jackson, Curtis Pope, Sherri Howell, Anthony Pena, Brad Bixler

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Dimitric Roseboro, Marjorie Miles, Kia Harper, Leah Abrams

Open at 5:14pm

Welcome by Matt

Elijah acknowledged Mr. Brooks Birthday in his absence.

Matt – Excited about being in the Temp Independence as this is where BTN began.

Mr. Roseboro welcomes everyone to Independence. Had parent orientation, students have come in and the building has been well received. Welcomes the board members to be a part of Independence to bring partnerships to grow Independence. Happy to be working with Ms. Harper and ConneXions.

Finance

Reflected to \$50,000.00 from ConneXions to Independence. Year-end budgets will change as audits come in.

ConneXions has a -11,454.00 which is related to the \$50,000. I believe that we will be in the \$300,000.00 in reserve (not cash – fungible). Will work with Kia to determine budget vs. actual. ConneXions ended the year under budget.

BTN did not go over in our expenses but negative in the reserve. Will send out July's budget to reflect actual.

We have made our deposit slips and check request changes.

JT – where are we with the putting the policy in place? (I will start on it)

VP Nominee – JT

Matt makes motion for JT to remain Board VP

Pena 2nd

Motion Carried

Secretary Nominee – Angela

JT makes motion for Angela to remain Board Secretary

Matt 2nd

Motion carried

Treasure Nominee – Shanelle

JT makes motion for Shanelle to remain Board Treasure

2nd Matt

Motion carried

Matt – Acceptance speech looking forward to another year of service. Appreciate the other officers.

ED Report

Elijah presented his report (See attached)

Beacon of Light Gala – All honorees has been confirmed

Parking lot issues – Want members of the board members to call North Avenue to Paul Turners Office concerning the parking

School Violence Meeting with CEO – returned school police

Chief of staff is Alison and is a friend of BTN

Two proposals to the Family League for 175,000.00

Space identification on North Charles Street for the TRC. We have several funding oppurtunties, BCPS Governor office over 3 years, Senator Pugh. The budget is a budget to get it up and running. No lease will be signed until we get funding.

Board Retreat – Teachers has agreed to go to Ocean City next year.

Elijah – Have we collected the money from all summer school (yes) Have we collected funds for the funds from the partners (no, would like guidance)

ConneXions

Kia presented her report (see attached)

Independence

Roseboro presented readiness checklist (see attached)

95% staffed (Spanish .5)

Student and Teacher Handbook completed. Will go over on Tuesday.

Enrollment is at 140 students.

Elijah – this is positive news for the school that we are meeting our numbers. But if we do not meet the 150 we will have to come back to the table to discuss budget cuts.

Elijah – Is it possible that we have one handbook for the organization. (Miles – no) Each school should have their own. (Howell) Yes, there can be one book with sections related to ConneXions and Independence.

Going forward there will be one handbook with sections for Independence and ConneXions and presented to the board prior to giving to the teachers as it is BTN's voice, policies and a contract between Organization and staff.

Elijah – Kudos to Mr. Roseboro and Ms. Thomas for getting the school ready for students.

Review of July Minutes

JT – motions

2nd Brad

Motion carried

Sherri conducts elections for Board Positions for the upcoming year

President Nominee – Matt

JT makes motion for Matt to remain Board President

Pena 2nd

Motion carried

Director of Student Services – graduate students this person is responsible for

Distribution of Gala Tickets

Leah – 11 – 20

Venus – 21 – 30

Pena 31-40

Curtis 41-50

Brad 51-70

Matt 71-80

Sherri 81-90

Shanelle 91-100

Moved to close session @ 6:23pm

Moved to open session @ 7:02pm

Meeting adjourned @ 7:05pm