

Veritas Full Board (Retreat) Minutes

8/16/2022

Call to order: 11:58am

Present: Liz, Tiffany, Chrissy, Parker, Matt, Rudy, Sonya, Luke (phone), Tierney (phone), Nick (ex-officio)

Rudy motioned to approve the 06/2022 minutes; Liz seconded; all approved.

Welcomed Chrissy to our board! Travis is stepping down.

Executive Director Report:

- Enrollment Stats for 2022-2023: Total 135 (6th: 43 scholars, 7th: 48 scholars, 8th: 44 scholars; expecting immediate increases to about 144-145 students due to inquiries that are continuing. Active measures are being taken to fill the last few seats to achieve the goal 150 enrollment.
- Bridge Program of about 25 scholars went well. Several field study opportunities were incorporated (Slave Haven, Racetrack, T.O. Fuller State Park, etc.). Committed to run this program summer of 2023 as well.
- Staffing: at 16 with one opening (8th grade math). Have an interventionist with math background filling in at the moment. Interviewing a candidate for 8th grade math this afternoon. Hoping to have this filled very quickly. We have added a second dean (and replaced the opening that had existed since January) to the full-time positions. We have also added another new role (attendance monitor and parent liaison) to the team to help intervene at the early end when students miss a day.
- New Programs:
 - Still keeping the double block math and ELA.
 - Adding VCP Electives: 6th grade Local Leadership; 7th grade Global Leadership; 8th grade Personal Leadership. These classes are conducted right before Lunch during an elective block. These programs will collaborate with outside partners such as Dixon, Code Crew, and Bridges for curricular needs. This program is designed to help with additional time for PLC (Professional Learning Committee) meetings and will replace the enrichment period that used to be at the end of the day.
 - Adding VCP Advisory: See Advisory Playbook. Students are grouped into advisory settings for additional touch points/support. The advisory meeting time is at the end of the day.
- TN Ready Results 2021-2022:
 - Growth was achieved in all areas that had been set as goals. Percent increases from 20-21 are listed as follows: ELA +4.1%, Math +6.6%, Science +0.5%, and Social Studies +9.2%.
- TVAAS Data:
 - Composite: Level 5
 - Literacy: Level 5
 - Numeracy: Level 5

Financial Report:

- Net Worth: \$490,740.48
- BEP halts in July; next payment will arrive on 8/19
- \$50,000 Reserve account has been established in approximately May.
- Receiving Employee Retention Credits of \$281,000 of which 20% will be held by Think LLP.
- Establish the Student Award Reserve account is a to-do item at this point.
- ESSER 2.0 spending sits at \$304K and must be used by June 30, 2023. Estimated expenditures include some salaries & benefits, technical support, summer school stipends, and educational software
- ESSER 3.0 spending balance sits at \$819K and must be used by June 30, 2024. Estimated expenditures include salaries & benefits, technical support, summer school stipends, software (multi-year licenses), contracted services (such as the community partners that are coming in for the VCP Elective period), Copiers, Materials & Supplies, Technology, and Teachers' Bonuses & Stipends.

Committees for 2022-2023:

1. Governance:

Board Training: Due November 15, 2023. Format is changing to live Zoom sessions. Watch for schedule from Nick and plan ahead since the sessions are live.

Parent Open House scheduled for tomorrow evening.

Board Committees for 2022-2023:

Academic Oversight

Sonya
Chrissy
Matt

Governance- Operations

Lara
Libba
Rudy

Finance

Luke
Parker

Governance-Development

Liz
Tierney
Tiffany

Next Board Meeting is on October 18th at Monogram Foods.

Adjourned 12:47pm