# ROCS BOARD MEETING Minutes



October 29, 2024

Location: Virtual via <u>Google Meet</u> or dial-in: (US) (US) +1 570-554-0263 PIN: 812 874 170#).

**Present:** Bridget Blinn-Spears(BBS), Rich Antoine(RA), Cat McDowell(CM), Zak Ciotti(ZC), Alison Roane (AR)

NonVoting: M Finser, H Reading, E Johnson (Dr J), B Wheaton, Callie Bosch, J Saylor, +8 general public

### Welcome & Call to order

Welcome of Guests: Monica Cutno, PNC Capital Markets LLC (charter school facilities bonding, founder of Envision Charter School), also John Eldrige, Performance Charter Development

# **Consent Agenda**

Approval of September Minutes

Motion to approve made by BBS, seconded by RA, passed unanimously

#### **New Business**

- Election of New Board Member
  - -Alison Roane, mom of 1st grader with a background in Interior Design/corporate real estate and relocation/residential renovation has been helping lead the Stakeholder committee
  - -Motion to approve nomination made by RA, seconded by ZC, passed unanimously
- Committee Reports
  - Facilities/Rock Forest Stakeholders Committee
    - -Nomination of AR as chair of this committee made by BBS, seconded by RA, and passed unanimously
    - -New security cameras procured gratis and installed, thanks to ZC and his friends (we will provide a review in exchange)
    - -Overview of plans with architect held w/ committee: overwhelmingly positive reaction to layout, scope will be discussing the feasibility of smaller changes. Playground planning is a current priority Alison will continue to scout for a firm that can help design and locate "natural" playground equipment that will pass inspection. Anyone who wants to help with planning or funding/donations, please reach out!
  - Enrollment & Outreach Committee
    - -List of actions/needs has been established, ZC to convene committee to assign/delegate. Committee needs to establish a co-chair to help ZC.
  - Finance Committee/Treasurer
    - -Report not ready due to mistakes in first draft of our budget/expenses input into Prestige's new system. We continue to need someone with finance/large budget/public education administration experience to serve in this role.
  - Governance Committee
    - -Handbook rewrites was a more expensive task than anticipated. Committee will be soliciting feedback from Reading and Finser ASAP to match to what ROCS is/should be doing.

## Administrative Report

- Dr J is trying to verify ADM numbers are correct they are higher than expected. Board is seeing additional explanation of our ADM and allotment numbers
- Lantern Walk moved to Spring Forest park due to landlord issues
- Dr J doing research about carpool that may result in small changes to carpool
- Continue to focus on Waldorf methodology professional development from Ms Finser great feedback so far
- Planning for next year has begun trying to refine the message/our identity, nail down details of application process and specific recruitment strategies
- Communications
  - -Newsletter suggestions can we have a board corner, new facilities update
- Alliance Core Principal feedback
  - -We want to continue to make sure we align with these principles.
- Review Action Items
  - -List Updated

#### **Public comment**

-Items may be brought to the ROCS Board's attention under this section of the agenda. The Board will not discuss or take any action on items not listed on the agenda. We request comments be limited to three (3) minutes. Link to web form to sign up to speak. Full rules pertaining to the public comment period can be found here. NONE

### **Closed Session**

Motion to move into closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to §143-318.11(a)(6)) made by BBS, seconded by Z Ciotti, passed unanimously. <u>Closed Session Minutes</u>

## Final board items & Adjournment

Motion to approve Chris Campau and Monica Hodge hires, per the salary discussed in closed session, made by BBS, seconded by ZC, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by BBS, seconded by ZC, passed unanimously at 8:26.