Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 22, 2021

Mission & Vision Statement

In Attendance via Zoom
Russ Kirk
Alice Dickherber
Colby Genevieve
Gay Lorberbaum

Public Comment
Nick Johnson

Board Chair Report
Education Board Partners Work | Shereen Williams

- Board Member Agreement will be forthcoming
- Governance Committee School Leader Evaluation project
- Academic Oversight Process will be starting
- Board Retreat planning for late June

Co-Founder Report
We have 82 current offers to Kindergarten and 39 current offers for first grade.
Review of the Recruitment dashboard to see current numbers

Early Childhood Education
Proposed Amendment: Colby is requesting we amend our charter to include early childhood education.

- Early Childhood Cooperative is a new organization in St. Louis. If students enrolled in our school qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL), 4% we can get per pupil funding for early childhood programming for those students.
- The first step is to amend our charter to include early childhood.

- If we amend our charter, we could formalize a Memorandum of Understanding with an early childhood provider, and they would be the entity providing early childhood education services to 2-3 of our students. This lays the groundwork for us to expand into early childhood programming 2-3 years down the road.
- It has not yet been determined how the children would be selected yet. The children are not guaranteed to move into Atlas. But, we could offer this to families who have an older child at Atlas and have a younger, eligible child.
- Lafayette Prep is taking advantage of this already.

Motion to Approve the Proposed Amendment: Alice Dickherber
Seconded: Russ Kirk

The proposed charter amendment passed unanimously

CSD Trust

- Budget: With CSD insurance plan, Atlas could potentially cover the cost of a premium plan for the employee and remain under budget.

Mitch Santiago | CSD

- Atlas would be required to make a 3 year commitment to CSD Trust. The reason for this is to protect the financial stability of the test.
- Are we too small for the trust? No, there are a handful of schools and organizations like Atlas. Small schools want to join the larger organization to spread risk.
- The support staff for the trust and the administrative staff are physically located in STL. Lafayette Prep, Lift for Life, and one other are a part of CSD.

Motion to Approve CSD Trust as our insurance provider - Alice Dickherber
Seconded - Gay Lorberbaum

Memorandum of Agreement with Achievement First (Math Curriculum)

- Navigator is a professional development program for our faculty. The cost of the program is $50,000 to take part in math lessons
- The Opportunity Trust is covering $35,000, leaving us with $15,000 cost to enroll with Navigator for the year.
- Kipp is enrolled with Navigator and has had a positive experience
- Tierrus is going to work alongside the coaches from achievement first, and this will help us roll out the curriculum more effectively

Motion to move forward with MOU with Achievement First - Alice Dickherber
Seconded - Gay Lorberbaum

Central Baptist Update

- Lease remains unsigned, but we hope to hear back very soon
- Construction drawings are complete
- As soon as possible we will being abatement work

IFF Loan Agreement

- Atlas intends to move forward to seek financing
- Supports cash flow in first year
- Colby will provide terms to us in writing once we get approval from IFF

Give STL Day

- May 6
- Seeking a matching funds donor
- Goal: $5,000

New School Venture Fund

- Prepping their presentation for next month!
- Could receive up to $500,000 in funding

Employee Update

- 15/17 positions are filled

Motion to select Nick Johnson to be our next Board Member | Russ Kirk
Seconded | Alice

Sonia Park has also indicated willingness to join our Board on a short term basis starting in July! We will consider her candidacy at a May meeting after we meet with her and interview her.

Motion to Adjourn | Alice Dickherber
Seconded | Gay Lorberbaum

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Alice Dickherber, Secretary