



Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2020, 5:00-7:00pm
Via ZOOM Video Conference

Board Members Present

Frank Rowe
Katie Kellen
Emily Wasserman
Barbara Washington
Jennifer Evans
Pam Horiszny
Ed Likovich
Jamaica Burke
Kristina Campos
Adam Burrows
Ethan Hemming

Board Members Absent

Amy Friedman
Julie Fincham

GALS Staff

Carol Bowar
Carrie Donovan
Leah Bock
Jacob Heredia
Jason Gurerro

Jennifer calls the meeting to order.

There is no public comment.

The minutes from June 8 and 26th are approved.

Jennifer provides an update regarding an all-staff meeting to discuss Covid. Topics included planning and the myriad of emotions that people are feeling.

The Board discusses the article regarding 25 things that good board members do.

Ed leads a discussion about Board priorities for 20/21 year. The priorities include: Deepening development; financial sustainability; strengthen marketing; and sustain and improve GALS' reputation. These priorities are in addition to the Board Standards which appear at the bottom of the agenda.

Carol provides an update regarding the return to school and the shifting landscape, including an update regarding staff reactions. She also discusses what GALS can and cannot control. Carrie also gives an on-the-ground perspective and discusses the additional risks and challenges that ELL and special ed students and teachers will face. Leah discusses the mix of thoughts and emotions that exist. The Board discusses (a) how we can advocate for GALS (students, families, staff), (b) if there is a public comment that we want to make, and (c) how people are feeling about in-person v. online school.



The governance committee discusses new board candidates: Brittany Stich, Shannon Saviers, Trina Maull, and Wogahta Woldezghi. There is a motion to nominate all four candidates. The Board votes to add the four candidates as new Board members.

Given the uncertainty, the Board does not review the proposed budget in detail (although the budget was provided in the circulated materials).

Carol provides an update on PPP. Jason discusses what other schools are doing with respect to PPP. The Board discusses PPP and how to think about the loan. Jason also discusses anticipated declines in DPS funding. The Board will continue to watch the emerging guidance and discuss PPP.

Carol provides an update regarding Covid relief funds (other than PPP).

Carol provides an update on enrollment.

Jennifer provides an update regarding the luncheon.

Jennifer provides an update regarding GALS Inc.

Carol provides an update on renewal for the high school.

The meeting is adjourned.