

KIPP Jacksonville
Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016

A KIPP Board meeting was held at KIPP Jacksonville on February 11, 2016.

Attendees:

Tom Majdanics
Gary Chartrand
John Baker
Cheryl Fountain
Dan Edelman
Gary Norcross
Bill Walton
Susie Wiles
Jennifer Brown
Zach Rossley
Kim Davidson
Warren Buck
Wayne Clark (joined meeting at 11:12 am)

10:28 AM Gary Chartrand called the meeting to order. Motion was made to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion was seconded and minutes were approved.

Finance Committee Report

Dan reported that they are sending out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for bus service and discussed the plan if the RFP comes back high. Zach said the response is due on the 18th. There was general discussion about possible solutions to busing costs. Tom said he feels it is necessary to include free transportation to ensure availability to all children. Cheryl recommended using GIS maps to track current student busing needs and for future planning.

Dan said revenues are ahead of budget and that expenses are on budget.

Regarding the high insurance costs, Bill said they are working with someone at KIPP to try to consolidate insurance across the network.

School Update Reports

Kim gave the update on the elementary schools. She said they had a math curriculum night for families, which had a great turnout. They are also focusing on Guided Reading.

She said one challenge is the MAP testing in that teaching is not aligned with FSA testing, and there was discussion about this.

The suspension rate has declined. They added a school culture specialist and look forward to the addition of mental health therapists from the partnership with the Children's Home Society as well. They have also used Right Path, which has had a big impact.

Kim said she still needs two additional teachers.

Warren gave the update on Impact. He said they have a lot more clarity for FSA this year and have seen scores higher than last year. They are teaching Guided Reading every day. Math is the biggest struggle.

He discussed teacher attrition as well as the need to provide support for teachers.

He said City Year has partnered with them for Saturday school.

Gary Chartrand said that school grades were coming out soon for 2014-15 and he anticipated a D grade as the new accountability bill, plus the absence of student growth of 2015 grade calculations, made things more challenging for KIPP. The next set of school grades for 2015-16 will come out in June/July.

11:35 AM Kim and Warren left the meeting.

Fundraising Committee Report

John spoke about the breakfast event that was held earlier today. The goal is to expand the net and he asked the board members invite people to visit KIPP. Tom suggested having a donor event once a quarter, which everyone agreed would be a good idea. Susie suggested having "corporate days" as well.

Gary Chartrand asked about the status of hiring a Development Director, and Tom said they were trying to get the right person. He expected someone to be hired by spring or summer. He will arrange for the prospective applicant to meet with the Fundraising Committee before hiring.

John said they had a very good chance to receive \$1.2MM from the State and would need to raise \$3MM per year from private donors. He commented that an event like today with 80 people each year would do it.

Susie Wiles left the meeting.

Governance Committee Report

No report.

Impact of Adding Another 5th Grade

Because of the challenges with 5th grade test results, there was discussion about a one-year pause in adding another 5th grade. This would give Warren and Impact time to fully plan to serve rising VOICE students in 2017-18, as VOICE students will enter 5th grade with a largely different academic standing versus previous cohorts..

VOTED: John Baker made a motion to suspend plans to add another 5th grade for one year. Motion was seconded; none opposed. Motion was approved.

12:19 PM Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Linda Powers