



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting

October 24, 2022

1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113

Convened by Zoom

Board Members Present: Kathryn Love (Chair), Liz Buchman, Matt Coen, Michelle, Cohen, Hal Davies, Mil Galvin, Angell Jackson, Edes Gilbert, Sara Goellner, Tiya Lim, Liesl Schnuck, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present: Daphne Robinson, Mr. Felton Flagg, Shi'Ann Wallace

Others Present: Kaleigh Lawrence, Dorvonda Payne, Lori Sommer

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Dr. Shi'Ann Wallace, Dean of Culture, provided an update on school culture. Here are some of the activities/events that have and are happening at Hawthorn. The high school elected a student president, the middle school had their first dance, Girls Who Code has drawn strong interest from the girls and seven girls are committed to Girls on the Run. The high school is also looking for a basketball coach which should be highly appealing.

Hal Davies gave the Finance Committee Report. Attendance is on target. This can partly be attributed to the new transportation program. There are a small of number of no-shows with the van pickups, but Mr. Flagg has been making calls to get a handle on it.

Daphne Robinson and Sara Goellner provided an update on the strategic plan. The plan items are key accomplishments, risks and major milestones. The integrity of the curriculum is high. Teachers are being provided instructional learning sessions which will be helpful in teaching the girls. Rapport among the teachers is strong.

Daphne Robinson gave the Head of School report. Fall testing in math and reading were conducted. Parents and teachers are receptive to assigning weekend work. Mr. Flagg is working with Daphne on brainstorming prizes for academics. Saturday, October 29 was a community open house. The high school had a homecoming dance themed "Haunted Homecoming."

Kaleigh Lawrence gave a report on the Foundation. The Community Connections breakfast was a great event. The art teacher showcased work from the girls. January 19 will be the kickoff for Cool Women Hot Jobs at the school. This will be a recurring event where women in various industries will speak to the girls about what they do. The first one will focus on STEM. February 7 will be a 24-hour virtual fundraiser.

The Board then approved a motion by following roll call vote to enter Closed Session to discuss legal (§ 610.021(1) RSMo.) and personnel (§ 610.021(3) and (13) RSMo.) matters.

Liz Buchman – aye
Matt Coen - aye
Michelle Cohen – aye
Hal Davies – aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert - aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Angell Jackson - aye
Tiya Lim – aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Liesl Schnuck – aye
Mary Stillman - aye

A resolution to exit the Closed Session was approved by the following roll call vote:

Liz Buchman – aye
Matt Coen - aye
Michelle Cohen – aye
Hal Davies – aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert - aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Angell Jackson - aye
Tiya Lim – aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Liesl Schnuck – aye
Mary Stillman - aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:16 p.m.