



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting
September 27, 2022
1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113
Convened by Zoom

Board Members Present: Kathryn Love (Chair), Liz Buchman, Michelle, Cohen, Hal Davies, Mil Galvin, Edes Gilbert, Sara Goellner, Tiya Lim, Alex Pearson, Liesl Schnuck,

Hawthorn Staff Present: Daphne Robinson, Felton Flagg

Others Present: Nikki Doughty, Kaleigh Lawrence, Dorvonda Payne, Lori Sommer

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously; this included the appointment of the Hawthorn Leadership School Foundation board members.

Hal Davies gave the Finance Committee Report. State funding equity amounts are being solidified. Attendance is higher which is favorable, but enrollment is lower than targeted. Transportation, consulting and staffing will also have varying outcomes on the budget.

Daphne Robinson and Sara Goellner provided an update on the strategic plan. The plan items are key accomplishments, risks and major milestones. Implementation and student engagement are high priority. Meet the teacher night was a huge success with 48 families in attendance. There has been no teacher turnover which has resulted in a strong collaborative culture for the teachers.

Daphne Robinson and Felton Flagg provided an update on parent and community engagement. Over 45 people participate in the Fathers and Mothers Club which meets the second Saturday of every month. There are numerous activities planned between now and the middle of next year, some of those events are: a road trip to Memphis, breakfast with Santa, Black History Month programming, and celebrations for Mother's and Father's Day.

Daphne Robinson gave the Head of School report. A motion was made approve the DESE model special education plan; it was seconded and approved. We continue to receive quotes for the floor in the science room. Teachers have been expanding field trip opportunities for the

students. The robotics teacher and the 7th graders went to the Ecology Center. Parent engagement has been high due to the Father's and Mother's Club. Meet the teacher night was September 21. Girls Who Code starts the week of October 5. Community partnerships continue to evolve with great momentum. Student leadership is thriving with the Student Ambassadors and Student Government Clubs. Lastly, local college visits are being planned for both the winter and spring semesters.

Edes Gilbert provided a Governance Committee report. Seven working committees and one task force were formed and clarified. The board-approved committees will be: Executive, Finance, Academic Outcomes, Strategic Planning, and Governance; a facilities task force will also be formed. Edes made a motion to approve the board committees; it was seconded and approved.

Kaleigh Lawrence gave a report on the Foundation.

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
Michelle Cohen – aye
Hal Davies – aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert - aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Tiya Lim – aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson – aye
Liesl Schnuck – aye

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

Liz Buchman – aye
Hal Davies – aye
Michelle Cohen – aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert – aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Tiya Lim – aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson – aye
Liesl Schnuck – aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:09 p.m.