



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting

4/25/2022

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

Convened in person and by Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Kathryn Love (Chair), Liz Buchman, Matt Coen, Rachana Creeth, Hal Davies, Mil Galvin, Sara Goellner, Angell Jackson, Alex Pearson, Mary Stillman

**Hawthorn Staff Present:** Daphne Robinson, Alisa Bennett-Hart, Estitia Stone

**Others Present:** Kaleigh Lawrence, Claire Byrne, Dorvonda Payne, Nikki Doughty and Lori Sommers

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Estitia Stone updated the board on 2022-2023 Enrollment and Retention efforts. Families who have said they are not returning stated that the reasons are lack of transportation, culture fit, and moving out of the city/state. Ms. Stone updated on the pipeline of new applicants and interested students, as well as planned recruitment events including the All Girls Resource Fair, a Two-day 6th/7th grade girl retreat, outreach to summer camps, the End of School and the Back to School Bash.

Hal Davies gave the Finance Committee Report. It was noted that ESSER II money is coming in this fiscal year, the Charidy campaign led by the Foundation was a very successful fundraiser and DESE is allowing charters to opt to use 2019-20 WADA rather than current year WADA. The Board accepted the finance report.

Daphne Robinson gave the Head of School Report. Graduation will include all students at the school. Our graduation speaker is the CEO of Gateway Global, Zekita Armstrong-Asoquo. End of Course tests (EOCs) are being taken by high school students, and MO MAP testing is coming up for middle school students. Diagnostic tests will be given over the summer to assess academic level of incoming students. After school Tutoring program and extracurricular activities are

being designed now. Transportation by van will begin starting Fall 2023. Retention and Summer School conversation with parents are coming.

Mil Galvin gave the Governance Committee report. The Board self-assessment is coming up as well as the Board's assessment of the Head of School. Ms. Love on behalf of the Governance Committee of the Board of the School nominated Tiya Lim, whose bio was distributed to the Board, as a Director of the school to hold office for a three year term ending at the 2025 annual meeting of School or until her successor is elected and qualified. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kaleigh Lawrence gave the Foundation report. The April fundraiser was a great success. Engagement opportunities are coming up, including a Community breakfast on Friday May 6th and a school tour on May 11th. The Charity Classic tournament is being planned in the fall.

Kathryn Love gave the Board Chair report. St. Louis Voices is postponing their opening for a year. MEC filings are due May 1st. Because the final 2022-23 budget has not been approved, the Executive Committee of the board previously approved the aggregate amount of staff salaries in the working draft of the budget; Ms. Love asked that the board members ratify such approval, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

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

Rachana Creeth – aye

Hal Davies – aye

Mil Galvin – aye

Kathryn Love – aye

Mary Stillman – aye

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

Liz Buchman – aye

Rachana Creeth – aye

Hal Davies – aye

Mil Galvin – aye

Kathryn Love – aye

Mary Stillman – aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 p.m.