



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting
01/24/22; 5:00 PM
1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113
By Zoom

Board Members Present: Kathryn Love (Chair), Liz Buchman, Matt Coen, Rachna Creeth, Hal Davies, Mil Galvin, Edes Gilbert, Sara Goellner, Angell Jackson, Alex Pearson, Liesl Schnuck, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present: Daphne Robinson, Estitia Stone

Others Present: Claire Byrne, Nikki Doughty, Marilyn Hinton, Kaleigh Lawrence, Dorvonda Payne, Lori Sommers

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM.

ShiAnn Wallace described student initiatives for the spring semester, including student government and incentives for ontime and in uniform attendance.

Due to other time commitments, Board member Tim Rowbottom rolled off the Board at the end January2022. Kathryn Love recognized has long-term and deep commitment to the school.

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Hal Davies gave the Finance Committee Report. The Board accepted the finance report.

Daphne Robinson provided thoughts on enrollment goal setting project, which focuses on looking beyond COVID to increase school enrollment and expand college courses, athletics and clubs. Staff retention and recruitment will be a key factor. Transportation also a significant priority.

Alex Pearson also discussed the enrollment project. He said that we are modeling larger enrollment in the next few years, with some natural attrition and will need to consider building capacity for expanded growth.

Daphne Robinson gave Head of School Report. She is posting positions for new teachers. All six seniors on track to graduate. Staff culture has been strong.

Estitia Stone gave an update on Enrollment. School culture, which also includes extracurriculars, is an important factor for retention. There is a focus on community awareness. Enrollment applications are ahead of last year.

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
Rachna Creeth - aye
Hal Davies – aye
Mil Galvin – aye
Edes Gilbert – aye
Angell Jackson – 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
Rachna Creeth - aye
Hal Davies – aye
Mil Galvin – aye
Edes Gilbert – aye
Angell Jackson – aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Liesl Schnuck – aye
Mary Stillman – aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:48 PM