

Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Greg Giornelli, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Cheryl Lomax
STAFF PRESENT: Karen Amos, Vinice Davis (by phone), Christina Perry, Barbara Preuss, Ryan Shepard
GUESTS PRESENT: None.

CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 PM WITH A QUORUM (3 OF 4)

TOPIC: Minutes of the October 23, 2017 Board Meeting

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Made by Ingrid Saunders Jones to approve the October 23, 2017 minutes.

ACTION: Seconded by Greg Giornelli and carried without dissent.

TOPIC: Public Announcement of Meeting

DISCUSSION: Vinice Davis posted announcement on Price Middle School main entrance door and minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting will be posted online today.

Special Topics:

TOPIC: Budget Update

DISCUSSION:

- Karen Amos reviewed the Proposed FY19 Budget Calendar and key budget cycle dates.
- Karen Amos reviewed the PBSA and CEI financial statements.
- Cheryl Lomax advised that the Finance Committee will review Chart of Authority Policy to clarify level for Board budget notifications and checks and balances.

TOPIC: Strategic Priorities

DISCUSSION:

- Greg Giornelli provided an update on fundraising noting impressive results with current commitments at \$13.3M, approaching goal of \$15M.
- Barbara Preuss discussed student culture challenges and creation of small restorative classroom settings with customized schedules to address issues.
- Greg Giornelli also discussed enrollment projection uncertainties, talent and leadership development, communication and teacher retention as priorities for PBSA.

TOPIC: Team Talks

DISCUSSION:

- Ryan Shepard provided an update on “Team Talks” with 30 different small groups of employees on soliciting ideas on how we can improve as an organization.
- The groups were energized and inspired by the mission and the work we do every day at PBSA. The staff appreciated the opportunity to be heard.
- Overall the groups were eager for targeted professional development and identified the need for intensive orientation for parent staff in the schools.

Standing Updates:

TOPIC: Instruction

DISCUSSION:

- Barbara Preuss provided an update on Slater’s growing enrollment continuing to add students and families now at 620, reviewed the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) chart.
- Weekly meetings are being held in preparation for Carver High School. Topics include hiring, curriculum, and identifying incoming Special Ed students.

TOPIC: Community Engagement

DISCUSSION:

- Christina Perry provided an update on the Community Engagement Program, noting projects resulting from Strategic Planning including staff evaluation, professional development, parent outreach and budget aligned with vision.

TOPIC: Operations

DISCUSSION:

- Vinice Davis provided an update on capital improvements scheduled to be completed at Thomasville and Price through remainder of school year.

TOPIC: Closing Comments

DISCUSSION:

- Greg talked about adding new Board Members post-Carver High School.
- Cheryl discussed completing a Board Needs Assessment Grid.

Next meeting will be on February 5, 2018 at Price Middle School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vinice Davis
Chief Operating Officer