

Kids Unlimited Academy, A Public Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2015

12pm - 1pm

Board Members Present: Pedro Cabrera, Linda Evans, Carol Fischer, Carolyn Hayes, Sister Mary Pat Naumes, & Jeri Olson

Board Members Absent: Frank Phillips & Emilie Wylde

Staff Present: Tom Cole, Lynn Eccleston, Jared Ware

Community Members Present: Andy Batzer, Jamie Brindle, Pedro Cabrera, Dave Carroll, Rick Hutchins, Pat Huycke, Stephanie Johnson, Chuck Martinez (via phone), & Jeri Olson

Next meeting: June 23, 2015

I. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes

Pedro Cabrera called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Carol Fischer noted a change to the prior minutes and moved to approve the minutes with the change, Jeri Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

II. Business & Finance Update

Jared Ware reviewed the Kids Unlimited Academy final budget with the board, he reviewed the minor changes in revenue and expenses based revised projections of staffing and income, and the board approved the changes.

III. Capital Campaign

Tom Cole gave an update on the capital campaign that Kids Unlimited was undergoing and gave the board an update that the Kids Unlimited auction had grossed over \$1,350,000 in addition to a \$500,000 commitment from the Caricao Foundation. Tom Cole invited Chuck Martinez to also give an overview of where the KU board was at with acquiring properties for the addition of the middle school.

IV. 1st Reading – School Committee Structures

Jared Ware reviewed the framework of policies that consultant Marcy Bradley, former Executive Director of Self Enhancement Inc (SEI), worked on to develop documentation of the relationship between Kids Unlimited and Kids Unlimited Academy as well as the process for the evaluation of the school principal.

Pedro Cabrera asked Lynn Eccleston if she'd had time to review the new committees. She noted that she was still in the process of reading through them all. Pedro asked if it was too many committees. Lynn noted that she did not feel that it was, since basically all of the committees discussed were already in existence at the charter school, but if anything this would just formalize those committees into a board approved structure.

Jared also added that the need to add a more formal process for parents to provide feedback, by bringing one parent on to the board, and formalizing a parent committee were necessary steps based upon both our charter and the evaluations Kids Unlimited Academy had received from the US Department of Education.

V. Principal Evaluation Process

Jared also reviewed the evaluation process being proposed to the board. He noted it was the process used by SEI Academy in Portland, it was the process used by Portland Public Schools, and it was recognized as a national best practice process, also noting that it was the process originally laid out in the charter for the school.

Pedro asked whether somebody on the board would have to fill out the evaluation for Lynn or if Tom would do it. Tom noted that he felt the board should be in agreement on the process and the tool, and then he can be the vehicle to measure Lynn against that framework and deliver that to the board.

After further discussion KU Academy agreed to adopt the evaluation process for the principal.

VI. Motion to Apply for Renewal

Jared noted that the board should consider applying for the renewal of the charter now, because it would line up well with capital planning to get the application in now. The board approved a motion to send the school district a letter of intent to renew the charter.