

# **Kids Unlimited Academy, A Public Charter School**

## Board Meeting Minutes

*May 25, 2016*

*12pm – 1pm*

*Board Members Present:* Pedro Cabrera, Tom Cole, Linda Evans, Martha Ibarra & Sister Mary Pat Naumes, Frank Phillips.

*Board Members Absent:* Carol Fischer, Carolyn Hayes

*Staff Present:* Lynn Eccleston, Lisa Hutchins, & Jared Ware

*Staff Absent:*

*Next meeting:* TBD

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### **I. Review and Acceptance of the Minutes**

Pedro Cabrera called the meeting to order Sister Mary Pat Naumes moved that we approve the minutes, Linda Evans seconded and they passed unanimously.

### **II. Special Events Update**

Lisa Hutchins reviewed the Singler Tournament with the KUA board. She also mentioned briefly the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KU Academy Jog-A-Thon. The board discussed the possibility that Kyle Singler wasn't able to make the tournament due to the Oklahoma City' Thunder's progress in the playoffs and discussed that he might not be back in time for the auction if Oklahoma City made it into the NBA Finals.

Lisa reviewed some final specifics of the upcoming auction with the board and then she discussed the upcoming Robert Cray concert.

### **III. Budget & Finance Report**

Jared reviewed the financial report through April with the board. He shared that over the last couple months that the school had seen its expenses outpace its revenue. Jared noted that the last two months had been heavier on the payroll. He noted that May would be a more expensive payroll month, but that June would be a lighter month on the Academy's payroll, since school ends on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He added that part-time employees would be done with school related work on the 10<sup>th</sup> and that teachers would start receiving their accrued pay at that time, which should create a redirection of the financials and provide some relief. He noted that even with these considerations, he still anticipated the school finishing the year with somewhere between a \$10,000 and \$20,000 loss.

Jared noted that the Jog-A-Thon would provide a little bit of relief as well, as it looked to once again be a successful fundraiser.

Linda Evans asked whether we would be modifying our budget for next year to plan to offset the \$10,000 loss going forward. Jared noted that he was in the process of updating the budget and bringing back to the board in June. Jared added that we had not yet heard back from the Federal government on whether our waiver would be approved for our federal grant. He stated that if they did not approve that waiver prior to the close of the fiscal year, they would also revise the budget to reflect that.

He added that if the federal grant was not approved that the expenses within that which are for equipment, would likely be purchased by Kids Unlimited as a part of its capital campaign for facility expansion.

Frank Phillips discussed the variances in facility cost and in communication. Jared noted that those were the key areas, and that looking at the lease and looking at budgeting more in IT services for next year would be important, particularly as we expand. Frank talked negotiating a multi-year lease between Kids Unlimited and KUA so that the variances and the unknowns would be less likely on the school's end. Tom

Cole added that he thought once the capital campaign was further along and Kids Unlimited had more knowns in terms of its resources on that end, that Kids Unlimited would be in a better place to look at how it could make the school's lease arrangement more predictable.

Jared noted that the contract was finalized for the renewal with Medford 549c and he noted that the termination clauses around improvement were much better for the charter and less punitive if we underperformed similar schools.

Tom discussed that even as the school becomes more sustainable, that there will likely be a need to continue to fundraise to drive success. He stated that he knew none of the board members wanted to see the school fall short and that although it was important to acknowledge that the work is difficult and the odds are stacked against the students we serve, that the school and Kids Unlimited will have to be responsive to those needs to ensure students are successful. Tom added that this might mean that both organization have to work together on fundraising to provide programs and resources that will help meet different needs of the students.

Jared noted that there would be an increase in special education services for Kids Unlimited Academy next year based on our discussion with the district.

#### **IV. Principal Update**

Lynn gave an update on staffing and noted that we had an offer out to an ELL Teacher who was bilingual and that if she accepted that position that our staff recruitment for next fall would be complete in terms of teaching positions.

She gave an update on parent involvement and added that there was a parenting class that was being taught in Spanish and that there were parents who were able to use computers for Rosetta Stone after that. She noted that pre-school playgroups and kinder parent nights were going well and heavily involve.

Lynn shared with the board the information on the upcoming end of the year field day and invited the board members to attend.

She gave an overview of the state testing status for Kids Unlimited Academy and noted that it was wrapping up.

Martha Ibarra gave Lynn and the board some positive feedback on the Class Dojo app and its success and how it's driving kids to really be competitive around getting positive feedback through the app. Lynn noted that was something that had really caught on with many classes this year.

Sister Mary Pat Naumes noted how much more she felt the school was doing for and with parents now that it was when she joined the board two years before and she commended Lynn on that. She added that hopefully that would pay dividends eventually in helping to move the needle for students.

Linda Evans noted that Rotary meeting times were changing and would now conflict with KUA board meetings. She offered to either work with the board to find a new time for the KUA meeting or she offered to step down if the board wanted to keep the time. The board agreed to work to try and set-up a new time for the board meeting moving forward.