**Wayside Schools**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Chris Laguna called the meeting to order at 6:08

Board member attendees: Chris Laguna, John Troy, David Ewing, Grant Simpson, Suzanne Kho, Charles Lu and Matt Abbott. Guests and staff include: Teresa Elliott, Kelly Mullin, Chad Riley, Veronica Martinez, Bardo Montelongo, Lisa Drummond, Mary Ann Spracher, and Trudy Richards.

There was no public input.

John Troy motioned to approve November 18, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. David Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the Board Dashboard. Items on the dashboard will be reviewed throughout the meeting.

Veronica Martinez gave the board a fundraising update. We have been invited to submit a full proposal to the Powell Foundation. Matt and Veronica met with the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. Veronica shared details and requests for several upcoming events. The board was asked to submit the name of 3-4 people that may want to attend “Keep Wayside Weird”.

Matt Abbott presented a charter expansion amendment, requesting the addition of an additional site and student enrollment increase of 1,000. David Ewing motioned to approve the submission of the charter expansion amendment as submitted. Grant Simpson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Matt Abbott presented an Open Carry Policy for consideration. Grant Simpson motioned to approve the Open Carry policy as submitted. Charles Lu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chad Riley presented a detailed enrollment history showing the actual enrollment and backfilling at Wayside over the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

Kelly Mullin presented middle of year data and next steps in improving academic performance using beginning to middle of year data to create a comprehensive action plan to ensure that students are prepared for spring testing.

Kelly gave the board the graduation dates and announced that Grant Simpson would be our commencement speaker and board members will be invited to be on stage with graduates.

Matt Abbott reviewed the new Charter School Performance Framework report and noted that David Dunn, Executive Director of the Texas Charter Schools Association will be meeting with the new TEA Commissioner tomorrow to discuss the flaws in the framework using Wayside’s data.

Teresa Elliott presented the Financial Statements as of December 31, 2015. This same information was presented for the Quarterly EMMA report due February 14, 2016.

The Finance Committee reviewed the 2014 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax (990) as prepared by Belt, Harris, and Pechacek. Suzanne Kho requested four corrections to the document: the schools mission, and add board review of the 990 on Schedule O. David Ewing motioned to approve the 2014 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax (990) as corrected. John Troy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Official Attendance Time for Wayside Schools District – this item was tabled for additional guidance from Region XIII and TEA auditors.

Teresa Elliott submitted a policy for approval of a Cash Reserve Policy. John Troy motioned to approve Cash Reserve Policy as submitted. Suzanne Kho seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Teresa Elliott discussed and briefly reviewed the Power Point for Wayside’s Standard & Poor’s (S&P) rating meeting on January 28th.

John Troy motioned to enter into executive session at 8:17 p.m. David Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

David Ewing motioned to exit executive session at 8:49 p.m. John Troy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken during executive session.

David Ewing motioned to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. John Troy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.