

Wayside Board Meeting
January 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM.
Wayside: Eden Park Academy, 6215 Menchaca Road, Austin, TX 78745

Board Members Physically Present: David Dunn, Stacy Erb, Elaine Candelas, Meredith Sembello, Glenda Ballard

Board Members Not Present: Jesus Becerra

Staff Members Physically Present: Matt Abbott, Elizabeth Wrona, Susan Pommerening, Francisco Garica, Elizabeth Zimmermann

Staff Members/Public Virtually Present: Haylee Lavender, Kierstin Howard, Melinda Gardner, Mary Rodriguez,, Marcia Molinar, , Choi Hicks, Lauren Scott, Juwon Alridge, Lauren Scott, Dylan Cosgrove, Lauren Whitefield, Marica Monier

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Roll called to establish a quorum, and a quorum of board members were present and accounted for.

Scholar and School Feature – STMS - Coach Alridge

Coach Alridge is the coach at STMS with PE and track and field. Coach Alridge highlighted the Athletics Program at the Sci-Tech Middle School. The scholars are showing up for morning workout two days a week and there were 50 scholars who tried out for the co-ed soccer team. Coach Alridge said that this is due to the connections that the athletes are making within the program and that administration is coming out to basketball games and showing their support for the scholars.

Public Comments:

Dylan Cosgrove: Concern of the use of property at Eden Park Academy on nights, and weekends due to people using the property of off leash dog park. He has been approached aggressively by dogs and owners of those dogs.

Meeting Minutes

Receive and approve Minutes from November 17, 2022 and December 6, 2022.

David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Stacy Erb moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2022 and December 6, 2022. Elaine Candelas seconded the motion, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

a. Consent Items:

- Wayside Schools 10-year Charter Renewal Update - Updates on Policy Action Items
- Student Handbook Update - Uniform Policy Clarity concerning allowable types of pants
- Draft 23-24 Academic Calendars for Community Input (Decision in February)
- Granting authority for Wayside Leadership to make a selection of a contractor for repairs to the auditorium roof at Eden Park Academy at the conclusion of the Public RFP Process.

b. Contracts since the last board meeting:

- Holly Gabrielson - Contractor for math coaching at the middle school
- HopSkipDrive, Inc - Transportation for homeless scholars
- Region 13 - Dyslexia Training

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David Dunn asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Glenda Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Meredith Sembello seconded, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Executive Officer Update

a. Changes to School Operations for 2022-23 due to COVID-19 including Waiver(s) and Resolution(s) for TEA and Local Policies for Operations

Matt Abbott explained there are no changes in operations. There was an uptake in COVID cases in the first two weeks coming back from break. There was an uptake in staff but it did not disrupt operations.

b. Fundraising and Enrollment Update for FY 23&24

Elizabeth Wrona presented the fundraising. Wayside Schools 3rd Annual Giving Tree raised \$11,700. The Annual Gala is for April 20th, 2023 at 6pm at Chateau Bellevue. The 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for after school programming was turned in. Wayside will hear if they are awarded the grant in May. There are 7 grants that will be submitted this month. Wayside will be participating in Amplify Austin which is on March 1st, 2023.

Maritza Glaydn presented enrollment. Current enrollment is at 1676 scholars. Wayside currently has 55 pending applications for the current school year. So far Wayside has received 188 applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Maritza explained that the lottery closes on February 3, 2023. Wayside hosted Open Houses on all campuses this month and 45 families attended. Maritza explained the strategies that the enrollment team is using. Maritza explained that they are starting reenrollment next week.

David Dunn asked about the Legislative session. Matt Abbott explained what was happening in the Legislative session. Matt explained that the big push is school safety, funding for teachers and basic allotment. Matt explained the basic allotment that the Legislature is focused on. David asked about the safety. Matt explained that the grant money that schools are getting are not enough to make the changes that they want. Francisco Garcia explained that Wayside applied for \$200,000 and Wayside is expected to get it. Elaina asked about the legislative session passing the teacher salaries. David explained how the money would come from and how it would affect Wayside. Matt will add a standing update item on the agenda for a Legislative update.

c. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent Performance Review
(Tabled for Executive Session)

Chief Academic Officer Update

a. January Academic Report and Action Plan

Susan Pommerening explained the CA-C data that was taken during the two weeks before winter break. Susan explained that TEA allows for two weeks in the spring for the STARR test. Susan explained the bright spot of the CA-C data. Susan explained that Wayside is doing 75/75 with all the teachers this year. Susan explained the Domain 1 scores. A full report can be found in the CAO folder.

b. Special Education Services concerning specific student(s)
Tabled for Executive Session

Chief Operations Officer Update

a. Statement of Activities as of 12/31/22

Francisco Garcia explained the schools are measured on Charter First. Francisco explained that the finance committee reviews these indicators every meeting. Francisco explained that the current rating is 92. Budget to actual is 50 percent of the year to date. Revenues are looking good overall, so are expenses on aggregate. He then explained the expenses that are highlighted and above 50%. Most budget categories that are highlighted are for expenses that are being finalized that were bought at the beginning of the year for start up.

b. School Safety Updates

Meredith Sembello explained the community safety conversation. Meredith explained the community safety meeting that was held for families and teachers. Matt Abbott and Meredith felt that the conversation was a productive meeting. Francisco Garcia explained that Matt brought the items to the safety meeting with APD. Francisco explained that there was a TEA surprise audit and that Wayside passed. Wayside is getting a silent alert for each campus and there is a grant for two years.

c. Concerning specific personnel issues (Executive Session)

Closed Session:

David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session.

Glenda motioned to exit the public session and enter into Executive Session and seconded by Meredith a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously at 7:46 p.m.

At 8:00 pm David Dunn asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session.

Stacy Erb motioned to exit the executive session and enter into Public Session. Elaine Candelas seconded, a roll call vote is taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Return to Public Session:

No discussion in the executive session requires action in the public session.

Adjourn

David Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Jesus Becerra motioned to adjourn, Elaine Candelas seconded, a roll call vote is taken, the motion passed unanimously.

David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.