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ECS Board Meeting, November 16, 2020

Called to Order - 6:30pm

**Members Present:** No in-person participation due to COVID-19 restrictions

**Members Present (Zoom video):** Mr. Ed Hubbard, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Ardian Hasko, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Erica King, Ms. Roberta Osorio, Ms. Palak Forbes, Mr. Ben Costa, Ms. Ayisha Devonish, Mr. Edison Bardowell

**Members Present (phone):** none

**Members Absent:** none

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**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ed Hubbard opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Development Update**

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board on this month's development efforts. ECS received notification a \$20,000 grant from Hyde & Watson. Ms. Benway also shared an update on the upcoming kickoff to the annual appeal. Goal is to raise \$15,000.

**Finance Report**

Mr. Gabriel Park, CFO, reviewed the September finances and discussions from the October 23, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, 2020.

**Governance Update**

Ms. Benway updated the board on a new requirement for a revised application for the CARES Act. A resolution was called for to allow Mr. Park to sign instead of Ms. Caitlin Franco, who is out on maternity leave.

*Resolution:*

*The Board resolves that Gabriel B. Park, CFO, is authorized to sign grant applications and funding requests related to Federal, State and local grants, including funding opportunities under Title I, II, III, IV and the CARES act, on behalf of Equality Charter School.*

Mr. Stringfellow moved to approve the resolution, with Mr. Hasko seconding. All approved, no one opposed.

**Academic Accountability Update**

Ms. Amanda Huza updated the board on the Middle School hybrid program, which launched on November 9th. 59 scholars started (from 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade), dropping to 52 this week. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is slotted to begin on Monday, December 14th. Mr. Favrol Philemy updated the board on the High School hybrid program, which launched on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Jocelyn Kelly updated the board on recent racial equity efforts, focused on staff training, voluntary participation groups, and MTSS leaders working on integrating the overlap between research-based racial equity best practices and MTSS practices in their program's language and communications.

**Executive Session**

Board then convened an executive session.

**Public Session**

Board then convened in public session.

**Adjournment**

There was then a motion and approval for the meeting to adjourn.

Adjourned – 7:53pm

  
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