



ECS Board Meeting, January 11, 2021

Called to Order - 6:30pm

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

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

**Members Present (phone):** none

**Members Absent:** Mr. Ben Costa, Mr. Edison Bardowell

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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 is working with PlanetFab to complete this year's Annual Portfolio and on grants for FY 2022 discretionary funding. One of our alumni from our inaugural graduating class will be contributing to our Friends of Equality scholarship fund for 2021. Ms. Donyella Ramsey, parent PTA liaison to the ECS board, updated the board on parental involvement. The MS and HS PTA bodies were merged to encourage more involvement and the November event was attended by nearly 50 parents, the largest turnout to-date. A parent's workshop, Help at Home, is being offered on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Finance Report**

Ms. Gabriel Park, Finance Manager, reviewed the November finances and discussions from the December 18, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, January 22, 2021.

### **Real Estate Report**

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on current thoughts on real estate options for the elementary school and the decision to stop pursuing 2443 Poplar at this point. Additional locations are currently being evaluated.

### **Academic Accountability Update**

Ms. Franco updated the board on COVID-related information. She recommended staying fully remote through 3/15 rather than the 2/1 date currently planned. Recent parental surveys at the middle school and high school show that a majority of families would prefer that their children stay fully remote at this time. The board endorsed the recommendation to stay fully remote until 3/15.

**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 – 8:20pm

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2/5/21