



ECS Board Meeting, February 8, 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, Ms. Palak Forbes, Ms. Roberta Osorio, Ms. Erica King, Ms. Ayisha Devonish, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Mr. Edison Bardowell

**Members Present (phone):** none

**Members Absent:** Mr. Ben Costa

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**Meeting Called to Order**

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

**Development Update**

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board on this month's development efforts and stakeholder engagement with Councilman Kevin Riley and Assemblymember Benedetto and plans to replace the Spring Reception, which cannot be held due to COVID-19.

**Governance Update**

Ms. Franco updated the board that there is a desire to add one additional board member so we would have 11 members rather than our current 10.

**Finance Report**

Mr. Gabriel Park reviewed the December finances and discussions from the January 22, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. He also updated the board that ECS is not eligible for the latest round of PPP loans because revenue was never down by more than 25% in any quarter in 2020 vs. 2019. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021.

**Real Estate Report**

Ms. Franco updated the board on current thoughts on real estate options for the elementary school and additional space options that are being evaluated.

**Academic Accountability Update**

Ms. Franco updated the board that Mr. Ben Costa has stepped down as Chair of the Academic Accountability committee and Ms. Roberta Osorio is now serving as interim Chair.



Ms. Jocelyn Kelly updated the board on COVID impact on the well-being of scholars and how the Social Work department is working to increase engagement and connection with scholars who may be in need of additional support. Ms. Franco discussed staff vaccinations and attempts to begin to voluntarily collect information on who has received it.

Current plans are for the MS and HS to be able to return to the building for in-person instruction in mid-March, with scholars getting 4-5 days of in-person instead of alternative day groups. ECS is finalizing its staff and scholar COVID testing policy for the return to hybrid.

Ms. Kelly updated the board on plans underway to address the potential academic slide coming as a result of COVID and resulting learning experience changes. Current focus is on Math and Disengaged Scholars (chronically absent).

Ms. Amanda Huza covered COVID remediation plans in the middle school, including February Break, April Break, and Summer School offerings, and a potential for in-person Saturday School if the logistics can be adequately addressed.

Mr. Favrol Philemy covered remediation plans for the high school, including moving to 5-days in-person for students who choose it, as well as Spring Break, Summer, and Saturday School options.

Ms. Kelly also reported that ECS was rated "In Good Standing" for all aspects of The Board of Regents 2019-2020 annual report card.

**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 – 8:35pm

  
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Date