



ECS Board Meeting, June 14, 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. Erika King, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Palak Forbes, Ms. Ayisha Lee

Members Present (phone): none

Members Absent: Mr. Edison Bardowell, Ms. Roberta Osorio

Prospective Board Member: Sue Yasav

Meeting Called to Order

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

Real Estate Report

Ms. Caitlin Franco updated the board that Blessed Sacrament has been chosen as our elementary school location. Term sheet signed, lease negotiations in progress, goal of signing by mid-July.

Development Report

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board on this month's development efforts. Virtual spring reception was a success, with 72 attendees, and ECS significantly beat the \$15K fundraising goal (over \$22K). An Alumni Day was held with five 2020 graduates sharing their experience transitioning from high school to college, particularly during the pandemic.

Governance Report

Ms. Caitlin Franco introduced Ms. Sue Yasav, a prospective board member. Mr. Ben Costa has resigned from the board. Looking for 2 new members to get us to 11. The next Governance meeting is on Thursday, June 17, 2021.

Finance Update

Ms. Sasha Richiez reviewed the April finance report and discussions from the May 21, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 8am.

Mr. Gabriel Park then updated the board on the upcoming year's budget and asked the board to delegate authority to the Finance Committee to approve the ECS 21-22 Academic Year budget for submission to the



NYC DOE in substantially the form presented at the June 14 Board Meeting. Any changes to the budget that are deemed by the Finance Committee to be material will be reviewed with the full board prior to approval.

Resolution:

The Board resolves that the Finance Committee is authorized to approve the ECS 21-22 Academic Year budget for submission to the NYC DOE in substantially the form presented at the June 14, 2021 Board Meeting. Any changes to the budget that are deemed material by the Finance committee will be reviewed with full board prior to approval.

Ms. Ayisha Lee moved to approve the resolution, with Ms. Erika King seconding. All approved, no one opposed.

Academic Accountability Update

Ms. Amanda Huza updated the board on how the middle school is planning to return to live, in-building instruction for the full academic year, making exceptions for families with extenuating medical circumstances. She also updated the board on the middle school summer program.

Mr. Favrol Philemy then updated the board on the high school's plans to return to live, in-building instruction for the full academic year, also making exceptions for families with extenuating medical circumstances.

Ms. Franco updated the board on current status on staff vaccinations. At this time ECS will be encouraging, but not requiring, staff to get vaccinations before the start of the '21-'22 school year.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned – 7:46pm


Signature

7/7/21
Date