

DuBois Integrity Academy

Governance Board Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2018

6479 Church Street

Riverdale, Georgia 30274

Multi-purpose Room

6:30pm

MINUTES

- ✚ Roll Call (Col. Morris, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Culver, Dr. Chapman, and Judge Mack)
- ✚ Meeting Called To Order 6:45
- ✚ Approval of Agenda Motioned by Judge Mack, 2nd by Ms. Lewis. (Carried unanimously)
- ✚ Approval of Previous Minutes Motioned by Ms. Lewis, 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. (Carried unanimously with 1 abstention-Mack)
- ✚ Financial Report
 1. YTD Reports There will be a meeting on Monday to discuss new changes. The financial report will be displayed on the format Mr. Culver suggested. Mr. Cason reviewed the new layouts for Board Members. Avalon Accounting Services will begin on February 1st; they have recommendations both from the State Charter School Commission and our auditor. The CSP Grant was discussed. This grant is reimbursable as with all Federal Programs Grants. Mr. Cason discussed how we can use these funds. Charter Schools Capital can be of benefit if the school refinances with their company. Beat the Odds points were discussed with the Board Members. DIA received “Beat the Odds” points based on last year’s academic growth. A school receives “Beat the Odds” when it does as good or better than all the schools in Georgia that are similar to that school based on a statistical analysis.
 2. Funding Gap Closure Oportunity: Mr. Cason discussed the Jackson Financial Groups opportunity for raising funds. Dr, Chapman researched the financial group and felt it was sound. A representative from Jackson Financial spoke and highlighted that it is just as beneficial to the contributor as the organization. Mr. Cason explained that he would market this to the right people and get them in touch with Jackson Financial Group.
 3. Next steps/closing the funding gap: Mr. Cason discussed a roadmap to involve fundraising and a variety of manners.
 4. CMO/Dr.Herenton comments: Dr. Herenton stated that few charter schools can be classified as turnaround schools and make academic gains as we did in a short period of time. He also mentioned that charter schools suffer in sustainability in academic progress and financial. We have to keep doing what we are doing to strengthen those areas.

Executive Director/Principal Report

1. Georgia Milestone test preparations: Title I/Georgia Milestone Parent Night will be held on February 1st to inform parents of what they can do to support their child at home and help us get them ready for the test. There is a plan to recoup time lost for inclement weather. Students will attend school on February 26th and March 30th which were originally professional development days. The other lost time will be absorbed from recess time which will be converted into instructional minutes. Tutors have been added to grades 3-5 in order to decrease the size of the RIT groups which are broken down by students' areas of deficiency. Tutors are funded through Title I budget.
2. K-2 academic plan: K-2 does RIT intervention in their classrooms. Moving students from teacher to teacher would take up to much instructional time for this age group. Second grade has begun moving students on a smaller scale than 3rd through 5th. The second grade students move small groups of students between teachers to begin getting them prepared for next year and more importantly to work on gaps before they reach 3rd grade.
3. STEM certification STEM certification in a process that will take the school several years. Currently, we are getting the teacher with the certifications that we need in place. We made progress on that this year. We added the STEM connections class this year which also helps. Our STEM teacher works on grade appropriate models with the students. There are more steps to come.
4. Governance Board Training Dates & Registration Mr. Culver attended training. Everyone else needs to be registered to attend for February.

Old Business Mr. Cason discussed the response to the findings from the State Charter Commission monitoring visit.

New Business Dr. Herenton is impressed with the professionalism of the Board members.

Public Comments (3 minutes) N/A

Executive Session (if needed) N/A

Board Questions & Comments N/A

Motion to Adjourn Motioned by Dr. Chapman 2nd by Ms. Lewis. (Carried unanimously)

Meeting Adjourned Meeting adjourned at 8:03