



## **Board Minutes – October 27, 2022**

**Our Mission:** Through rigorous curriculum, high quality instruction, and positive character development, Purpose Preparatory Academy Charter School ensures all K-4 students achieve the academic skills, knowledge, and ethical foundation to be set on the path to college.

### **A. Attendance:**

**Present by Zoom:** Ryann Casey, Lara Henley, Lagra Newman (Head of School), Domonique Townsend, Perry Gooch, Dale Mitchell, Rohit Padmanabhan, Kathy Nelson, Amy Brown, and Charlandra Watson

**Absent:** Dr. Jerri Haynes, Matt Hancock, and Sallie Norton

**Guests:** Holly Russell West of St. Louis Voices Academy

### **B. Proceedings**

- Ryann Casey called Meeting to order @ **8:32 a.m. CST**; Lara Henley made motion to approve minutes, Kathy Nelson seconded.

#### **1. Head of School Report – Lagra Newman**

Lagra Newman shared comprehensive updates about staffing, enrollment, and the 10-year community celebration

- Staffing has improved since last year but is still presenting challenges. New hires are requiring more development than they have in the past.
- Two (2) teacher's fellows. The program is enabling additional staff capacity, which is helpful to the grade level teams. One may be transitioning out and another may be transitioning into a classroom.
- TSU Student Teachers may be available for upcoming fellowships
- Two (2) students from Big Picture High School Nashville are currently doing their internships at Purpose Prep. They are former alumni of Purpose Prep.
- Attrition out of state has been increasing.
- Need more recruitment efforts: canvassing event, Radio/media, exit survey, family engagement coordinator.
- Board to decide on recruitment actions by next meeting
- Is timeline for growth effort fixed or dependent upon the chosen parties
- Brynlee Townsend, former Purpose Scholar competed in Kitizenship photo and essay contest and is a finalist. Her submission was based on time at Purpose. She wrote about the importance of Advocacy.

#### **2. Financial Report – Dale and Kathy**

- Enrollment target not meet - #s increased since 5<sup>th</sup> grade added
- Cash Positive – in good shape
- Cash on hand is also strong
- Board Contributions need to be made before Gala in April. All members required to give, but no certain amount.

- No uncategorized expense

### **3. Facilities**

- Committee member Perry Gooch visited Franklin Christian, Oakview Elementary and Legacy Middle (Williamson CO. School). He reported Franklin exceeded our vision but seemed to be most closely aligned. For k-12 they have three (3) gyms and facility is over 100,000 sq/ft.
- We need to fine tune what are vision is as far as size and amenities so we can reanalyze the budget.
- Current proposed budget \$56 million

### **4. Governance**

- There are open board spots available and the board is actively recruiting

### **5. Fund Development**

- Rise is to provide a curated sponsorship packet to give out when fundraising.
- Name options for Gala:
  - A Decade of Purpose - \*\*Chosen Name\*\*
  - White a Gold Gala

Meeting adjourned @ **10 a.m. CST October 27, 2022**

Prepared by: Amy Brown, Secretary.