



Board Minutes – December 15, 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: Lagra Newman (Head of School), Charlandra Watson, Matt Hancock, Sallie Norton, Lara Henley, Domonique Townsend, Perry Gooch, Dale Mitchell, Rohit Padmanabhan, Kathy Nelson, Amy Brown, and Ryann Casey

Absent: n/a

Guests: Katie Nelligan and Shawna Russell, Director of Academics

B. Proceedings

1. Ryann Casey called Meeting called to order @ **8:36 a.m. CST**; Sallie Norton made motion to approve minutes, Amy Brown seconded.

2. Head of School Report – Lagra Newman

Lagra Newman shared comprehensive updates about the following:

- Enrollment has been top of mind. Multiple recruitment events have been held. Two (2) neighborhoods canvassed as part of Purpose Prep's Get Out the Purpose (GOTP) efforts
- Ten (10) new families have enrolled
- Purpose went up for Board Approval for the next ten (10) years. Approval received on a 6-3 vote.
 - Concerns were cited with the special education requirements of each charter that was up for approval. However, it appears these concerns were not on evaluations with the district, but they alleged there was not sufficient information. No additional information of this type was requested. Other concerns cited stated Purpose only serving twenty-six (26%) percent economically disadvantaged students. To address, about 10 leaders, students and teachers corrected this information at the school board meeting held December 13, 2022. Now accurate numbers dealing with noted concerns are now on the record. Nelligan and Russell joined meeting to discuss and share moments of impact from the advocacy meeting.

3. Facilities – Perry Gooch

- Update on the Old Kings Lane Elementary school building. Ron Coulter advised that it is being used for storage and is not up for sale at this time.
- Ben Middleton of Centerstone was emailed to get building status on Benjamin Circle property.

4. Governance

There are open board spots available. No other update

5. Fund Development –Sally

- Save the Dates have gone out for gala.
- Ryan to follow up with organizations and status of information packet to organizations.

6. Finance Report - Dale

- \$254,000 on hand for operating expenses v. \$90,000 required so Purpose is in good shape.
- Still in the red on giving initiatives but will likely reach goal after spring collaborations
- Missing enrollment numbers is also still in the red.
- Inquiry on updates regarding board training compliance. Consideration for a consultant to customize and lead the training in the future. One consultant who works for Franklin Road Academy was recommended.

Meeting adjourned @ **9:25 a.m. CST December 15, 2022**

Prepared by: Amy Brown, Secretary.