



Board Minutes – August 31, 2023

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, Lara Henley, Dale Mitchell, Rohit Padmanabhan, Perry Gooch, Amy Brown, Dominique Townsend, Matt Hancock, Sally Norton, Kathy Nelson, Ryann Casey, Charmain Bates

Absent: n/a

Guests: N/A

B. Proceedings

1. 8:34 am meeting called to order. Dominique motioned to approve May minutes, Kathy 2nd.

2. Head of School Report – Lagra Newman

Lagra Newman shared comprehensive updates about the following:

- Average student enrollment is 422
- There is currently a waitlist for enrollment.
- Staffing update: A few staffing vacancies that are being covered by instructional leaders as we onboard new teachers
- 3 teachers hired last week and 2 more this week.
- Summer school – Purpose received the Bloomberg grant and state funding to implement summer school.
 - State approval was received to address 3rd grader retention.
 - Students took a weekly fieldtrip.
 - Franklin Road Academy (FRA) Lacrosse Coaches and students came so Purpose students could be exposed to a different sport.
 - Students did creative math and literacy with Creative Kids Rock. Some activities include hopscotch, geometric playdoh, and art history.
- Academic data came will be released next month.
- Numbers are expected to be comparable to last year.
- Will spend next few weeks analyzing reports as prepared.

3. Facilities –Rohit

- 4-5 properties have been viewed, but not anywhere near our budget
- We are not pressured find a new space, but the search is still ongoing.
- Need to discuss how we can use current facility. -roof assessment is planned

4. **Governance - Ryann**

No updates

Did O & A with Gill Beverly (see below)

Motion for acceptance – Sally Norton, 2nd by Rohit Padmanabhan, unanimous aye's

5. **Fund Development – Lara**

- Jalen's Back to School bash
 - Rock wall, school supplies, shaved ice, and food were provided.
 - Large turnout

6. **Finance Report – Dale Mitchell**

- Strong financial position
- Uncategorized expenses are insignificant and continue to be the school's priority
- Cash on hand is good. 256 days of cash on hand; 60 days is the target so we are well above.

Action items – Charlandra & Dale

- Formal retreat in September to include training.
 - Annual training needs to be complete.
 - Online option is available.
 - Board of track and State Charter Org working together more closely.
 - Date of retreat TBD

Meeting adjourned @ 9:43 a.m. CST August 31, 2023

Prepared by: Amy Brown, Secretary.