



**THOMAS GREGG**  
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

September 20, 2022

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

**Members Present**

Ashley Acuff  
Valerie Davis  
Susan Vogt  
Michael Bowling  
Josh Bowling  
Beth Uselmann  
Breanca Merritt  
Chris Cesnik  
Marie Mackintosh  
Shayna Sangster  
Susan Adams  
James Taylor  
Ranisha Martin

**Members Absent**

Tracy Guerrero  
Mariana Lopez-Owens

**Staff Present**

Ross Pippin  
Dana Larson  
Anuja Petruniw

**Guests**

Shareyna Chang  
Brian Anderson

Ms. Breanca Merritt called the September 20, 2022 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

Dr. Susan Adams proposed for the approval of July minutes. Ms. Chris Cesnik made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Valerie Davis seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Finance:**

Mr. Brian Anderson reviewed the August financials. First report for the new fiscal year. Overall revenue is based on 525 students. ADM landed at 521. The organization is on budget and maintains 153 days cash on hand. Mr. Anderson discussed a potential discrepancy in the line item for supplies. The group intends to dedicate time at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting to review.

**Academic Update**

Ms. Dana Larson reviewed the organization's initiatives for 22-23 SY beginning with professional development for staff. The staff continues to focus on Trauma Informed Care and Tiered Behavior Supports for students at TGNS. Similarly, the staff will continue to learn more about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through a partnership that will provide ongoing professional development throughout the school year with IUPUI's School of Education. The leadership has implemented a new role of Staff Induction Coach to support onboarding of new staff members. Lastly, tutoring provided in partnership with JBNC will target 2nd and 3rd grade students.

Mr. Mike Bowling suggested we consider how we might evaluate the person/the role of induction coach in an effort to ensure that it adds value and is a justifiable spend. Suggested tie to staff retention and implement an exit survey.

## **Operations**

Ms. Anuja Petruniw reviewed the enrollment summary. ADM count day was Friday 9/17. TGNS will be funded based on 521 students. Current enrollment stands at 548 including Life Skills and Developmental Pre-K. Last year's ADM was 498. Ms. Petruniw highlighted the increase from SY 21-22 to SY 22-23.

Ms. Susan Vogt noted that 5th and 6th grades sit at lower enrollment than the other grades. Mr. Bowling inquired about the middle schools that families may be choosing in lieu of TGNS in our older grades.

Ms. Petruniw shared a personnel report including new hires and current vacancies.

Ms. Petruniw gave an update on families and partners for August and September. She spotlighted the success of the Back to School Open House in the new format. 299 students were "signed in" at the open house.

## **Rebuilding Stronger**

Mr. Pippin reviewed IPS's Rebuilding Stronger initiative including the specific presentation provided for TGNS to utilize with families and staff. Mr. Pippin highlighted the implications for TGNS including the proposed Zones of Attendance.

Mr. James Taylor pointed out that TGNS is the only Promise Neighborhood school in Zone 4 but it also provides an opportunity for the Promise Neighborhood schools to serve more of the Near Eastside.

Mr. Pippin mentioned the need to determine if TGNS would continue to serve students up to 6th grade or if the school would move to serve up to 5th grade to allow students to join their peers at the new 6-8 middle school option. The board will need to have additional discussion of the complexities of each scenario in order to make the best decision for students, families and the organization. Ms. Shayna Sangster brought up the importance of marketing/promotion of TGNS as we open enrollment to the entire Zone. Dr. Adams brought up the families from Kindezi who have already experienced several transitions- will they be granted transportation to continue to attend TGNS from Zone 3 into Zone 4? Ms. Shareyna Chang will review the transportation agreement and follow up.

## **Strategic Planning**

Mr. Pippin provided an update on progress. The members can expect Strategic Planning to resume after November.

## **Resource Development**

No update to provide.

## **Committee Updates**

Mr. Pippin gave a committee update and indicated most committees are on hold until strategic planning is complete. Dr. Adams made mention of the fact that she would like the opportunity to review the requirement of committees with IPS.

## **Closing Items:**

Dr. Adams moved to adjourn. Ms. Acuff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:18.

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Dr. Susan Adams, Board Chair

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Recorded by Dana Larson