



THOMAS GREGG
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 15, 2022

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Members Present

Ashley Acuff
Tracy Guerrero
Susan Vogt
Michael Bowling
Susan Adams
Josh Bowling
Beth Uselmann
Marie Mackintosh
James Taylor

Members Absent

Mariana Lopez-Owens
Valerie Davis
Breanca Merritt
Chris Cesnik
Shayna Sangster
Ranisha Martin

Staff Present

Ross Pippin
Dana Larson
Anuja Petruniw
Melissa McMickle

Guests

Shareyna Chang
Brian Anderson

Dr. Susan Adams called the November 15, 2022 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:35PM.

Dr. Adams proposed the approval of September minutes. Ms. Susan Vogt made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Ashley Acuff seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Finance:

Mr. Brian Anderson reviewed the October financials. We have a healthy cash balance. Audit is complete and went smoothly.

Mr. Anderson discussed the differences in budget for this year. We now understand much clearer how the funding formula affects us. Our IPS budget and services are higher than we anticipated. We are behind in budget, but we are reimbursement based, so it is reasonable that we are behind. We have spent less in expenditures than we would expect.

Academic Update

Mrs. Dana Larson reviewed service learning for each grade level. K-1 focused on community helpers with visitors coming each Day 6 and Day 12. Second grade focused on collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Third grade students have been focusing on recycling. Fourth and fifth grade students have worked together to raise awareness and money for Outreach, Inc. Sixth grade students are hosting an art show. Active presentation on December 16th from 10-2 at The Union Apartments. Art will be available for purchase.

Mrs. Larson reviewed Middle of the Year assessments for all students. Second and third grade teachers are strategically focusing on IREAD preparation. There will be a K-3 Winter Program on December 23, 2022 at 9am.

Ms. Vogt mentioned Pogue's Run Committee and Westminster Neighborhood Service as organizations for service learning projects to support. Kites may be available for students in the Spring to do an activity.

Operations

Mrs. Anuja Petruniw reviewed the enrollment summary. Current enrollment is at 560 students. We continue to grow. Our ADM is 521. Dr. Adams highlighted the increased number of students and growth.

Mrs. Petruniw shared a personnel report including new hires and current vacancies. We still have an open IPS Special Education teacher position. This position has been covered by other Special Education teachers and staff. Dr. Adams highlighted that we have no classroom teacher vacancies. Mr. Pippin and Dr. Adams brought up the possibility of partnering with Employ Indy to explore strategic opportunities to fill paraprofessional vacancies.

Mrs. Petruniw gave an update on the families and partners for October and November. She spotlighted our new initiative of the All Pro Dad group. We hosted a tailgate party and a movie night. There will be two more events this school year. We have hosted IREAD night for 2nd/3rd grade families that 55 families attended. 2nd/3rd grade hosted a Career Day—12 different careers exposed. We had 329 families involved in our October Parents In Touch Day. We had 9 partner organizations participate in Haunt the Hallways and 692 people attended.

Rebuilding Stronger and Strategic Planning

Mr. Pippin opened the meeting up for any questions regarding Rebuilding Stronger.

Mr. Pippin will send an email that has more details about how to be involved in the School 14 work group. Mr. Pippin expects the pace to move quicker than anticipated. We can expect to see an update regularly, so the Board is aware of the progress. Dr. Adams inquired if a proposal would be ready for the Board by December. Mr. Pippin indicated that contract negotiations could potentially begin in January. Dr. Adams indicated that there may be urgent responses needed from our Board, or the Board schedule may need adjusted.

Resource Development

We are in the process of a \$78,000 library refurbishment. We received \$10,000 from The Creek to begin our donation campaign. Cummins purchased \$10,000 of books. We are waiting to hear from a donor that may provide \$68,000 to complete our fund needs. Mr. Pippin shared the Media Room design plans.

Committee Updates

Mr. Pippin gave a committee update and indicated that efforts have been focused on Rebuilding Stronger and School 14.

Closing Items:

Dr. Adams requested looking at calendars to consider attending School 14 community nights.

Dr. Adams moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Dr. Susan Adams, Board Chair

Recorded by Dana Larson