



MINUTES

JUNE 15, 2022 | 8 AM

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

MEETING ID: 826 2390 3343 | PASSWORD: 206987

Board Members Present: William Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, Scott Solomon

Others Present: Kiara Allison, Kristen Altman, Paul Archibald, Leigh Botwinik, Olivia Burgess, David Bryant, Kelly Davenport, Nate Durant, Colandus Francis, Lisa Hoffstein, Lilian Whebe Kobeissi, Raquel Leach, Molly Lenowitz (Potential Board Member), Johnny Mills, Chris Moore, Beth Packel, Tanza Pugliese, Bill Ray, Melanie Reiser, Joann Wszolek, Andrea Zepp

Meeting Start, 8:01 AM

I. Public Comment

- a. There is no public comment at this time.

II. Executive Session[†]

- a. TECH Freire Charter School Safety Report (*Attachment 2*)
 - i. The board votes to enter Executive Session to discuss the TECH Freire School Safety Report at 8:02 AM. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve. Dawn Eubanks seconds.
 - ii. William Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, and Scott Solomon all vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.
 - iii. The board exists Executive Session at 8:24 AM.

III. Resolutions

- a. Review & Approve Minutes from Board Meeting on June 9, 2022 (Attachment 3A)*
 - i. The board reviews the minutes from the June 9, 2022, board meeting.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve. Dawn Eubanks seconds.
 - iii. William Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, and Scott Solomon all vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.
- b. Amended Health and Safety Plan (Attachment 3B)*
 - i. Leigh Botwinik shares that the Health & Safety Plan is required to be approved by the board in June before entering the 2022-2023 school year.
 - ii. The amended changes would remove the COVID vaccine requirement to participate in school sponsored sports.
 - iii. William Brinkman makes a motion to approve. Bruce Lesser seconds.
 - iv. William Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, and Scott Solomon all vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.
- c. FY 2023 Budget Approval (Attachment 3C)*
 - i. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve a previously discussed FY 2023 Budget Approval to reevaluation and approval if there is more than a 5% variance in the assumed capitation rate reflected in the proposed budget when official capitation rates are released. William Brinkman seconds.
 - ii. William Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, and Scott Solomon all vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.

II. School Report

- a. Heads Report
 - i. Scott Solomon applauds Nate Durant for his speech during the graduation ceremony on June 13, 2022.

- ii. Nate Durant shares his excitement and appreciation for the open arms and welcome from the board. TECH had a challenging academic year, but the school is currently prepping for credit recovering and summer school.
- iii. Freire Network Dashboard (*Attachment 4A*)
 - Lilian Whebe Kobeissi review the Freire Network Dashboard.
- iv. TECH Freire College Report (*Attachment 4B*)
 - Nate Durant shares the TECH Freire college report with the board. He shares his experience.

III. Advancement

- a. Advancement Report (*Attachment 5A*)
 - i. Melanie Reiser notes that as of June 9, 2022, we have raised approximately \$365k in donations and pledges toward our \$400,000 networkwide unrestricted fundraising obligation to the schools, leaving approximately \$35k left to raise by June 30, 2022.
 - ii. In addition to unrestricted donations, we also received another \$43k EITC donation, bringing our EITC donations to \$124,000. These funds support after school and summer programs and makerspace learning at our Philly campuses.
 - iii. Many people honored Gerry Escovitz and his love for and belief in Freire Schools' kids with donations to the Freire Foundation. To date, the fund has received more than \$9k in donations in memory of Gerry.
 - iv. Freire Schools is preparing a summer cultivation mailer that will hit mailboxes in June/July. In the coming weeks, the Advancement Team will continue making personal emails and calls to prior donors who have not yet committed for FY22.
 - v. Board giving/pledged is currently at 83% across the network. Melanie encourages all board members who have not met their pledge to submit their donation before June 30.
- b. Political Landscape Report
 - i. Melanie shares that Freire Schools is paying close to the state's proposed redistricting, the governor's race, and proposed charter school budget.
- c. Talking Points (*Attachment 5B*)
 - i. Melanie reviews the talking points with the board.

IV. Financials

- a. April 2022 Financial Report (*Attachment 6*)
 - i. Bill Ray share TECH Freire currently has \$1,720,00 of cash on hand which represents an increase of \$10,000 from June 30, 2021. TECH is projected to end the year with approximately with \$1,620,000 cash in hand which represents a decrease of \$92,000 from June 30, 2021.
 - ii. TECH's average enrollment is projected to reach 475 students which represents 5 students less than the budgeted enrollment number of 480. Special education enrollment it projected to exceed the budget by 4 students.
 - iii. TECH Freire is also projected to reach its loan covenants and meet a sufficient number of financial ratios which represents meeting "standards" in regard to financial health.

V. Governance

- a. Clearances & Trainings for Board Members
 - i. Olivia Burgess informs the board of the June 30, 2022, deadline to complete all clearances and trainings.
- b. Board Member Self Evaluation (*Attachment 7A*)
 - i. Leigh Botwinik shares the results of the annual Board Member Self Evaluation.
- c. Evaluation of Freire Schools Collaborative (*Attachment 7B*)
 - i. Leigh Botwinik shares the annual results for the Evaluation of Freire School Network Office.

VI. Board Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee
 - i. No update at this time.
- b. Audit Committee
 - i. No update at this time.

Meeting Adjourned, 10:03 AM