



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

- Time and Place:** A meeting of the Hope Learning Academy-Chicago (HLA-C) Board was held Wednesday, April 20, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Members Present:** Clint Paul, Chair; Amanda Brott, Collin Hitt, Michael Minton and David Tretter.
- Members Absent:** Natasha Koprivica-Adler and Nicki Fioretti.
- Also Present:** Steve Helm, Michael Jakubowski, Jim Lee, Jodi Ogilvy and Darlene Levine.
- Call to Order:** Mr. Paul called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- Review of Minutes:** A motion was presented by Mr. Minton and seconded by Mr. Tretter to approve minutes of the October 19, 2021 and January 18, 2022 meetings. There being no objection, the motion carried unanimously.
- Public Comment:** No public attendees were present.
- Old Business:** No report.
- Executive Director Report:** Ms. Brott and Mr. Lee commented they are proud of staff for adhering to all the rules and regulations set during the recent Covid issues; more youth are returning to the classrooms; and the remaining part of the school year will be busy with state testing.
- Principal's Report:** Mr. Jakubowski reported 38 days of the school year remain; virtual report cards were being reviewed with parents; 4-week summer program begins June 17; FY2022-2023 school year begins August 17; priority is to keep kids safe and that they are having fun. Mr. Jakubowski reviewed Aimsweb information noting green areas indicate students at grade level; information is used internally; helps identify best practices between classrooms/teachers.
- Mr. Jakubowski reviewed the renewal letter noting we are up for renewal next year; hopes 5-year averaged used rather than 3-year, would provide a better score in the renewal process. Mr. Helm added the outstanding FY21 audit will be completed and submitted to CPS this week.
- Mr. Jakubowski reviewed classroom rosters noting goal to enroll more students into Kindergarten next year; current enrollment is 235; attendance rate is 85%, down from 94% prior to Covid; staff morale is strong; 1 SPED teacher vacancy; fully staff with 25 paraprofessionals.

Leadership Report: Mr. Helm reviewed YTD Financials noting FY22 Budget included SPED cut; actual reflects half of SPED funding received; additional \$500K will be received at end of fiscal year; Grant money is being used to purchase electronic equipment such as iPads. Following discussion, a motion was presented by Mr. Minton and seconded by Mr. Tretter to approve the YTD Financials and file with CPS. There being no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helm reviewed the FY2023 Budget information received from CPS, noting SPED funding down, will likely follow same process as the FY22 Budget.

Ms. Ogilvy reported working with Mr. Jakubowski and Mr. Ramos on recruitment materials; marketing and branding materials are being developed; Facebook ad being shared in Chicago area; media demographics reviewed, indicating largest users are women between 35-44. Ms. Ogilvy added banners are being displayed around the school grounds/fences and windows.

Mr. Paul reviewed grants noting most for technology and sensory equipment. Mr. Paul added Chicago Blackhawks Foundation is again among the pending grants.

New Business: No report.

Executive Session: No report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was presented by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Minton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kristi Davison, Secretary
Vision for Hope Board