



First State Montessori A c a d e m y

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 26, 2018

Call to order: 7:11 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:26 p.m.

Location: First State Montessori Academy Lower School

Present: Angela Angeny, Zeke Allinson, DaWayne Sims, Beth Carter, Janine Salomone, Chanda Gilmore, Jed Donahue, Courtney Fox, Sarah Nagle, Meghan Newberry, Natalie Marchani, Michael Reilly, Sara Grant

Regrets: Kyara Panula, Aubria Nance Phillips

Guests: Russell Negin, Courtney Loughney

D. Sims opened meeting by welcoming the new board members and thanking the former board members for their service.

Reports

Governance Committee. B. Carter stated that as a board we have one employee who is the head of school and that we should support her to ensure that we fulfill the mission of the school, for the children.

Finance Committee. Z. Allinson reviewed the role of the committee and that they meet with the school's finance consultant once a month to review financial documents and establish the monthly web report and narrative.

Development Committee. J. Donahue stated that as a charter school, FSMA does not get funding for buildings and renovations so the school has to cover costs for rent and third floor expansion and buildup. Funding is going to be critical to accommodate school's growth and the committee will be working on the Capital Campaign which will highlight FSMA entering its fifth year.

Executive Committee. A. Angeny and C. Gilmore reviewed the requirements of FSMA board members in regards to background checks, board classification, board training, and annual contributions. C. Gilmore stated that board meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

New Business

D. Sims stated that a celebration will be held on May 1 at 5 p.m. at the Columbus Inn to celebrate departing board members. Also, First State Community Loan Fund is celebrating its 21st anniversary and annual meeting. Those interested in attending should contact D. Sims.

A. Angeny encouraged new board members to wait until after board training before selecting a committee to serve on in order to learn more about the board and how it operates.

D. Sims stated that B. Carter is relocating out of the area and will be resigning from the board.

A. Angeny thanked FSMA teachers for all their work and that they are valued beyond words.

Public Comment

Antenneh Zeurde has witnessed the growth of the school and Upper School growth. Though he has heard a lot about the middle school, he would like to see more communication about it and the transition from middle school to high school for incoming 8th graders. He also provided names of organizations that FSMA could possibly partner with.

J. Donahue motioned to adjourn. J. Salomne seconded. No objections. Meeting adjourned at 8:2 p.m.