

## Board Minutes August 18, 2021

Present:

Erik Bengtzen, Mary Glauser, Larry Hintze, Walker Kennedy, Kelle Smart, Taylor Woodbury

Staff: Ram Prasad Boppana, Sonia Woodbury

Excused: Steve Foxley, Nate Seim

### Walker opened the hybrid in-person/online meeting at 4:16 PM

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** Larry made a motion to approve the June minutes as presented, Mary seconded, and all were in favor.

**Financial Report:** Prasad reviewed financial reports.

**Approval of ARP ESSER budget items.** The Board discussed the needs of City Academy due to impacts of Covid-19 on enrollment, student learning progress, ventilation, and upgrades needed to quarantine space. The Board reviewed the proposed ARP ESSER budget and the Federal guidelines. City will talk with landlord about any needed electrical upgrade for air purifying equipment. Erik made a motion to approve the proposed ARP ESSER budget, Mary seconded, and all were in favor.

**Director's Update.** Sonia reviewed the direction we are taking with school development

1. Expanded leadership team – more people focused on school development & fresh ideas.
2. Our personalized competency-based approach of meeting each student where they are, addressing any learning loss and especially addressing good learning progress for every student.
3. Advertising & promotion through new “come grow with us” and “learn in the city” light pole banners on 200 S, targeted FB and Google campaigns, targeted postcard direct mail, advertising in Avenues newsletter and grocery carts at 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Smiths, radio Adlibs continue Aug-Sept, website update, presence at Avenues and 9<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> street fairs in September.

**Chair Planning.** The Board discussed the school development direction. The Board likes the direction and is anxious to see results of all the efforts we are trying to support students and grow enrollment.

The Board discussed the pickleball tournament & working with PSO if holding the event remains allowable this year. Sonia will follow-up with the alumni parent who has been organizing the tournament in previous years.

### Adjournment:

Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelle seconded, and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

DATED the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sonia Woodbury

APPROVED the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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