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Board Meeting Minutes & Public Materials – posted to School Website

Wednesday September 15, 2021 Hybrid Meeting 4:15 pm

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I. Board-Faculty Tea – 4:00 in the Multipurpose Room

Present: Mary Glauser, Walker Kennedy, Steve Foxley, Kelle Smart

Staff: Ram Prasad Boppana, Sonia Woodbury

Excused: Erik Bengtzen, Larry Hintze, Nate Seim, Taylor Woodbury

II. Board Meeting Welcome

Walker

III. Public Comment

Walker opened the hybrid in-person/online meeting at 4:36 PM

There was no public comment.

IV. Review & Approval of approach to alignment with R277-328

Gareth

- New state rule [R277-328 Educational Equity in Schools](#)
- City Academy [Code of Conduct](#) and [Teaching Guidelines](#)

Gareth reviewed the language and intent of Rule 328. He assured the Board that our teaching staff is very mindful of what is in this rule about what can and can't be taught in classrooms. We already adhere to these practices of not inserting into our pedagogy personal opinions or biases as a part of our long-standing City Academy Code of Conduct. We have a specific focus on two teaching approaches at City for which the faculty would like a vote of confidence from the Board

- Teach from multiple perspectives and challenge students to think from multiple perspectives
- As part of learning engagement, students are asked to evaluate issues from a range of perspectives using evidence

Gareth requested a resolution of the Board saying that they recognize and celebrate our approach to instruction and complying with the new state Rule. This resolution to be communicated to faculty and all stakeholders to support our approach to our instructional practices.

The Board discussed their support for what Gareth reviewed about City's approach to evidence-based discussions of multiple perspectives on issues. Walker will work with Gareth to produce a Resolution for future Board approval. Mary suggested *Critical Thinking* by Joseph Grenny as a possible resource for teachers.

V. Approval of Site License for GMS teacher

Sonia

- Justin Morgan - [Bio](#)

Sonia reviewed need for requested site license for Justin Morgan for Music. Steven made a motion to approve a Site License for our GMS music teacher, Mary seconded, and all in attendance were in favor. Walker will seek out remaining votes by email.

VI. Approval of ARP ESSER Budget item clarification

Sonia

- [Clarification](#) for re-approval of ARP ESSER grant application budget

Sonia reviewed the new specific language. Postponed to October



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| VII. Minutes – August
Postponed to October | Sonia |
| VIII. Financial Report
Postponed to October | Prasad |
| IX. Director's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept. promotion efforts - KCPW, Avenues Street Fair Sept 11• Enrollment update• City Academy Advisory Council• Follow us on Instagram for all our great photos. Postponed to October | Sonia |
| X. Chair Planning
Postponed to October | Walker |
| XI. Close | Walker |

Adjournment:

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steven seconded, and all were in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

DATED the 15th day of September, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sonia Woodbury

APPROVED the 20th day of October, 2021 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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