Empowering Students Through Entrepreneurship

Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday August 4th, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Attendees: Chair: Carl Garcia, Members: Kelly Callahan, Glenna Voigt, Daniel Gutierrez, Shayne Huffman, Melody Brown, Sommer Smith, Natalie Sommer (with some technology issues)
Absent: none
Staff: Jaqi Baldwin, Anna Aguilera, Betty Seeley, Natalie Tavitas, Melissa Govea, Tony Monfiletto

Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the AUGUST Board Meeting Agenda made by Daniel Guiterrez, seconded by Shayne Huffman, no opposition.

Public Input: no public input at this meeting

Entrepreneurship Report Out
SBA Community Navigator’s Federal Grant Opportunity (Color Theory)
Jaqi: this grant application has been submitted as part of the Color Theory Work Group and we expect to hear whether we were granted or not in September
Kellogg Grant (Color Theory): Color Theory was awarded a grant and Siembra will receive funds as a pass through from RGCDC.
Entrepreneurial Committee Starts in September

Finance Report Out
● June Finance Committee Meeting took place on Tuesday July 27th, 2021
● Regular monthly business: June 2021 Financials: YTD budget analysis, bank deposits & disbursements, and journal entries; Budget Adjustment Requests (BARS); Finance checklist for June; outstanding RFRs for 2020 - 2021 school year; and June bank statement and reconciliation
● Executive Finance
● Facilities Update

Audit Committee Report Out:
● PowerPoint for Entrance Conference with APS Charter Schools & Moss Adams
● Audit Scheduled for the week of August 16th, 2021 for the 2020 - 2021 financials.
● Audit Analysis for the last three years: we have gone from 10 to 8 to 4 audit findings the past three years.
Executive Committee Report Out, Training & Discussion
The Executive Committee meeting took place on Monday July 26th, 2021. During this time a draft agenda for this board meeting was reviewed.

Executive Director Report Out
Jaqi reported that staff has been back since July 21st, participating in Professional Development opportunities. It was good to have staff back at the school, since the staff has not worked a complete team since March 13th, 2020. Jaqi gave a quick explanation of the Leap program. This is a non-traditional program for current teachers to earn a Special Education licensure, a way to home grow teachers in house. Adding the Special Education program is essential for the growth of the school. Jaqi went on to explain the Professional Development syllabus leading into the new school year. From day one of this new school year, project-based learning to encourage student engagement is the focus. Providing support and community engagement is key as well as project planning. Teachers at Siemba do not teach out of textbooks or have a traditional curriculum, so it is about aligning traditional credits with entrepreneurial learning and social emotional learning outcomes to the projects. Jaqi reflected that is “very important that we are patient with each other as we transition back to in person. We had a student support carnival covering heavy topics such as Trauma, Child abuse and neglect procedures to lighten the mood we added, Cotton Candy and Popcorn and Carmel Apples. We went out into the community to visit the International District Economic Development Center and partnered with community members to provide students with mini awards for their business ideas. We went over our Senior Capstone projects, how to best support the Seniors, what that will look like and identifying learning outcomes and deliverables. We visited the other Future Focus schools to receive some fine tuning and ideas about rich experiences students can have off campus. We spoke about assessments and holding on to innovation.”

Moving on to other business Jaqi explained that requirement from APS to hire an interventionist for reading and math. Reviewing the current tools will help to determine building literacy and numeracy into each of the student projects. This activity has helped to align seasoned and new teachers. Staff is encouraged to lead PD sessions, presenting on topics ranging from Social Justice, Senior Capstone, and other areas of interest.

Jaqi reviewed the four projects that students will participate in: Entrepreneurship, Media Literacy, Community Revitalization and Social Justice. The school has had a successful recruitment event starting with the open house on July 14th, bringing in 65 new families, bringing the student count up to 211. The school year will start with a 3 day on-boarding session and students will get to pick topics of most interest to them for their project.

Questions;
Will all the students be on campus or will it be staggard?
- The will be staggard, about 60 students did say that will return to in person learning. We have a virtual offering as well

How many students are in the day program vs the evening program?
- I believe 12 said they will participate in the evening program
Consent Agenda Items
1. July Board Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7.7.2021
2. June Financials
3. Board Resolution: 2021 - 2022 Board Meetings
4. BAR #2: Perkins CTE $66,787

MOTION:
Kelly Callahan moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 – 4. Daniel Gutierrez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Items for Future Agendas
- Update Executive Director Evaluation Policy: at board retreat to streamline process around selected goals
- Annual Retreat & Strategic Planning Monday October 4th 12 noon - 4 pm
- Finance Checklist Training (2021 - 2022)

Upcoming Board Meetings
- Regular August Board Meeting: Wednesday September 4th, 2021 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Executive Committee Meeting: Monday August 23rd, 2021 @noon
- Entrepreneurial Committee Meeting: Entrepreneurial Committee Meetings resume in September 2021
- Finance Committee Meeting: Tuesday August 31st, 2021 from noon to 1 pm

Adjournment
Shayne Huffman moved to adjourn the board meeting. Daniel Gutierrez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.