

Sojourner Truth Academy

Special Board Meeting Minutes

September 18th, 2018

1) Call to order

- a) Kelly Vega called to order a scheduled meeting of the Sojourner Truth Academy School Board meeting at 7:06 a.m. on September 18th, 2018 in STA's conference room.
- b) Meghan Bridges conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:
Members: Judy Hinck, Meghan Bridges, Gina Privratsky, Kelly Vega, and Mark Peterson
Ex-Officio: Troy Kipper, Julie Guy, Paris Ford
Guests: Paula Letourneau
Absent: Shirene Taylor

2) Action Items

- a) Approval of Agenda
**Mark Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda, Gina Privratsky 2nd the motion – Motion was passed without objection.
- b) Review and approval of August minutes.
**Gina Privratsky made a motion to approve the August minutes, Mark Peterson 2nd motion - Motion was passed without objection.
- c) Financials
 - STA is being paid on an ADM of 399.00
 - Total revenue stands at 12% of the budget; expenditures are at 13% of the budget with 17% of the year completed.
 - Healthy cash flow balance for FY19
 - Enrollment 367.40
 - The school continues to have a healthy cash flow balance
 - Total estimated year-to-date holdbacks (\$111,485)
 - 13% of state revenue for general fund

**Gina Privratsky motioned to approve the August. Meghan Bridges 2nd motion – Motion passed without objection.
- d) Budget Revision
 - Original budget 409.00; revised budget 367.40
 - \$32,746
 - Less revenue for general fund; administration fund down
 - Pre-K, Kindergarten, elementary, and middle school slight decrease in funding
 - TAP Grant for one quarter
 - Loss decreased for food expenses
 - Additional budget revisions—including SELF and 20th Anniversary
 - SELF Program
 - Middle school program after school

- \$29,219.99
 - Bussing is highest cost of program—approx. \$17,000
 - 20th Anniversary Budget
 - Total estimate—\$11,600
- **Mark Peterson motioned to approve budget revisions. Gina Privratsky 2nd motion—
Motion passed without objections

e) Higher Education Award

- Marcus Nolan and Cindy Dominguez seeking higher education awards
- **Mark Peterson made a motion to approve; Kelly Vega 2nd motion

f) New Business

- Pam Young (parent) new board member to fill previous parent term (term up 2019)
- **Mark Peterson made a motion to approve; Kelly Vega 2nd motion

3) Non-Action Items

a) Public Comment

- No comment made

b) PUC Site Visit

- September 18th 12:00-2:00 pm
- Rubric available to staff

c) Board Training

- Course options through MN Association of Charter Schools
- Online options available
- Onsite training with whole board—Bobbi and Cindy coming onsite for training

d) Strategic Plan 2017-2019

- 48% made NWEA growth in math; 33% NWEA growth in reading
- No longer continuing NWEA in 2018-2019 school year; will bring new academic goals to next board meeting
- MCA proficiency increase
- No longer “priority” school with MDE
- Retention of staff—8% turnover in 2017-2018 school year
- Individual and institutional success—The Talk, Scholar Shout Outs, Facebook, school website
- Competitive academic environment—Spelling Bee, History Fair, MCA Motivation, Caught in the Tornado
- New strategic plan to begin

e) Staff Evaluations

- Meeting of sub-committee to change evaluation process
- Reassess measures in evaluation
- Meeting date—Monday September 24th in conference room 3:15

f) Longitudinal Data

- Data looks at those continuously enrolled (CE) vs. non-continuously enrolled (NCE) scholars—data for 2017-2018 school year
- Attendance: statistically significant difference in absence between two groups
 - 7% CE
 - 10% NCE
- Suspensions:
 - 18% CE
 - 15% NCE
- MCA Reading: statistically significant difference between CE and NCE in MCA reading scores
 - 21% CE
 - 9% NCE
- MCA Math: statistically significant difference between CE and NCE in MCA math scores
 - 13% CE
 - 6% NCE
- MAP Reading: met/exceeded projected growth
 - 59% CE
 - 62% NCE
- MAP Math: met/exceeded projected growth
 - 39% CE
 - 41% NCE
- Sharing data with families—success of continuously enrolled scholars at STA

4) New Business

a) N/A

5) Adjournment

Kelly Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Next meeting: October 16th, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Meghan Bridges