



Work Session Minutes
Montgomery Education Foundation
Board of Directors Work Session
Davis Elementary School
Nixon Elementary School
Bellingrath Middle School
February 13, 2023
@ Nixon Elementary School

Present: Dave Borden, Paul Hankins, Charles Jackson, Caroline Novak, Jay Love, Keesha Jones, Marcus Vandiver. Also present, Ann Sikes, Ericka Anderson, Tyler Merriwether, Mary Holloway. Chris Reynolds and Ladonna Johnson were available by Zoom.

Mr. Hankins called the meeting to order and asked for a voice roll call of board members present. Seven out of seven members were present.

Principals and Regional Director Reports:

Ms. Anderson, Dr. Holloway and Mr. Merriwether on behalf of Ms. Frazier provided a current report and updates on their schools. Ms. Johnson briefed the board on the PLA Comprehensive Instructional Analysis Review that is used. This included an understanding of the 15 Critical Indicators that are consistently reviewed and scored throughout the year which informs the additional supports from the PLA National Team. Ms. Johnson provided an overview of the current ratings and improvement strategies that are underway.

Financial:

Mr. Love presented the MEF financials which included the segregated accounts for Davis, Nixon and Bellingrath Schools year to date.

Mr. Love and Ms. Sikes presented the FY 2023 Budgets for MEF and MCS.

Mr. Hankins provided an overview and update on the resolution of the local funds gap being proposed through the legislature.

Ms. Sikes noted that MEF is waiting to initiate the 2022 budget until clarification from MPS/ASDE Auditors is provided to make sure what is required.

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the PLA/EVE Financial Statements and noted the continued underfunding.

Board Governance:

Mr. Reynolds reported that work is proceeding to implement the Provider Performance Review and should be ready in March.

Ms. Sikes shared the need to amend the structure of the Disciplinary Review Committee to allow a wider pool of possible hearing officers. She and Ms. Scott, PLA Legal Counsel, recommend including any Principal, Assistant Principal, or member of the PLA Legal Counsel's staff that she would delegate. This will ensure that a minimum of two hearing officers can be available as needed.

Ms. Sikes noted that effective January 1st, PLA schools no longer have access to the MPS Alternative School as a placement to consider for disciplinary actions. She and Ms. Scott are engaging with MPS leadership to reconsider this decision.

Ms. Sikes reminded all board members of the requirement to make sure the following forms have been completed:

Conflict of Interest

Board Disclosure Form

Statement of Economic Interest

Data:

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the School Data Dashboard. He noted that the NWEA data is not complete, testing is still being completed. A full report will be provided in April.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Sikes noted that additional bat sightings had occurred in Jan and Feb, but were quickly addressed by MPS Facilities Dept. At this point efforts have been made to close all possible openings and install one way bat exits that are approved for bat remediation.

Ms. Sikes provided an overview of expenditures for each of the CSP grants. Most funds are being used to cover additional academic intervention staff.

Ms. Sikes reported that interviews are underway to fill the Starbase Director position. Currently, in addition to the 14 Starbase staff members, MEF has a full-time Executive Director, part-time admin and part-time bookkeeper.

Board Recruitment:

Ms. Jones presented information on Ms. Danyiel Wadkins, a parent of two Nixon students, and recommended her for board membership.

There being no other items on the agenda, the work session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Ann M. Sikes

President