

KEYS GRACE ACADEMY

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of KEYS Grace Academy (“KEYS”) was held at KEYS Grace Academy.

The following members of the Board (the “Attending Members”) attended the meeting and were present throughout:

Dr. Ramy Alosachie
Matthew Sharrak
Edward Bajoka

Absent with notice: Hillary Sesi and Zainab Hazimi

Also present for the entire meeting: Nathan Kalasho

Call to order: Roll Call; Confirmation of Quorum; Waiver of Notice

Dr. Alosachie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes from Previous Board Meetings

Motion by Mr. Bajoka to approve the Agenda and the minutes from July 28th Regular Meeting, the motion was seconded by Matthew Sharrak. The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from July 28, 2021 were unanimously approved by the Attending Members.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Management Report (by Nathan Kalasho)

1. **Business Update** –
 - a. Building- Received new certificate of occupancy after successful inspections. Finalizing lease with approval from both counsels.
 - b. Food- No longer sending out deliveries. Breakfast and Lunch provided in the building and in classrooms.
 - c. Transportation- Cariina software app nearly done. Awaiting a little more information on routes.
2. **Budget Update** –
 - a. State Aid was final payment of 20-21 school year. Deduction on summer school innovative programs due to the academy not being able to offer credit recovery (high school only).

- b. 310, a new grant initiative to help schools and districts offset the costs of added social workers/counselors/psychologists, was applied for and submitted.
 - c. ECF Application- new grant through the FCC that will reimburse tech purchases up to \$400 per device. Application was submitted.
 - d. 2022 Consolidated Application- Still awaiting the application to open. We have received initial allocations for some, but not all, fund sources.
 - e. Financials- presented. Expecting audit to begin at the end of September.
3. **Personnel Report**
- a. Mr. Kalasho presented the board with the personnel report. 9 new hires and 2 resignations.

Information Items

1. WIDA Data- Proud to share that, despite pandemic learning, we still had most WIDA testers show progress on overall scores, especially our upper elementary and middle school. Both speaking and writing scores increased. Grades 3-5 really stood out with almost all students moving out of the “emerging” category and closer to “expanding.”
2. Edgenuity renewal- submitted for a site license for our virtual learners, currently 30 students.
3. Classroom furniture, including new desks and chairs for all grades, has begun to arrive. All furniture is expected to arrive by the end of September.
4. Nathan presented renderings of possible playground playscapes from Sinclair, which is also the supplier for the city’s park, which is right next to the school playground. The proposed project will meet all ADA compliance, and will also need approval from the county.
5. Return to School- First day was August 23rd. More than 420 students are in-person. We are awaiting decisions from a few other families. Nurse Trudy has been in communication with OCHD over covid protocols. Nathan shared the academy’s case log information. All students, staff, and building visitors are required to wear masks while in the building.
6. Oakland County Covid Update- Nathan shared the latest data presented by the county. Cases are beginning to rise in school-aged children.

Action Items

Mr. Bajoka motioned, Mr. Sharrak seconded and the attending members of the board unanimously approved the following Action Items:

1. Approval appointing Dr. Alosachie to finalize and sign academy lease
2. Approval of the personnel report

Extended Public Comment

During the course of the meeting, there was no public comment.

Comments from the Board

Dr. Alosachie- Proud of the students progress on testing during all that disruption in learning.

Mr. Bajoka- Agree with the decision to require masks, even before the county requirement. Hope everyone stays safe

Mr. Sharrak- thanks for all the information tonight. Really helpful

Future Meetings and Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021.

Dr. Alosachie moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:38 p.m. and Mr. Sharrak seconded the motion, which the Attending Members unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,