

KIPP CHARLOTTE BOARD MEETING – MARCH 2021

The scheduled meeting of the KIPP Charlotte Board of Directors was held on March 26, 2021, via video conference.

Board members in attendance (9): Michelle Connley-Gore, Kevin Zhao, Emily Phillips, Dinesh Chopra, Lisa McMillan, Karin McGinnis, Jon Morris, Kimberly Green, Matthew Bohlen

Board members absent (2): LaTanya Bowman, Meka Turner

Others in attendance: Tim Saintsing (Executive Director), Anokhi Saraiya (Chief Academic Officer), Stacy Johnson (Chief of Staff), Christian Drake (Director of Finance)

Welcome and Board Chair Report: Dinesh Chopra welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. Mr. Chopra updated the board members regarding the progress made in the creation of the new KIPP North Carolina Board, the possibility of a Spring fundraising event, upcoming individual progress meetings with each board member, and future “road shows” being planned to spread the word about KIPP North Carolina.

Approval of agenda and minutes: Emily Phillips moved to approve the agenda for today’s meeting and the minutes from the February 19 board meeting, with one revision. Karin McGinnis seconded the motion. The agenda and revised minutes were approved unanimously.

Regional Dashboard: Chief of Staff Stacy Johnson clarified attendance data in the dashboard, explaining the definitions and metrics used in determining average daily attendance percentages and chronic absenteeism numbers.

Schools Report: Chief Academic Officer Anokhi Saraiya shared plans for reopening both campuses on April 19th, with the Elementary School offering a Plan A option four days per week and the Middle School offering a Plan B option two days per week for interested families. All families have the option to continue with remote instruction as well. Ms. Saraiya explained the various plans created to enable staff members to support students who are remote and those who are in person simultaneously, the health and safety precautions in place on campus, the trauma-informed responses staff will be implementing to support students, and the accommodations in place for staff members who require them.

Stacy Johnson shared the latest version of the NC STAR School Improvement Plan with board members, including the results from the most recent state review of the plan, which found the plan to be in full compliance with state expectations. Dinesh Chopra moved to approve the School Improvement Plan, and Lisa McMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report: Christian Drake shared the financial reports, including the budget versus actual spending through February, the projected cash flow, and the bank account balances to date. Mr. Drake shared that the application for PPP loan forgiveness is still awaiting a final SBA decision and that

additional ESSR funding will be forthcoming. Finally, Mr. Drake informed the Board that the finance committee will be convening soon to review the 990 from the most recent audit.

Governance Report: Lisa McMillan shared the work the governance committee has been doing to continue to revise and organize all policies in preparation for sharing them with the KIPP ENC and KIPP NC boards in the future.

New Business: Tim Saintsing updated the Board regarding progress towards KIPP North Carolina, highlighting curriculum selection, support staff hiring, and creation of human resources infrastructure. Mr. Saintsing also shared that the NC Charter School Advisory Board has approved the proposed amendments to the existing charter of KIPP Charlotte, allowing KIPP Charlotte to enter into a Charter Support Agreement with KIPP North Carolina. The next step will be State Board of Education approval in May.

Michelle Connley-Gore introduced a motion that KIPP Charlotte seek to enter into a Charter Support Agreement with KIPP North Carolina on July 1, 2021. Jon Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Lisa McMillan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 AM. Jon Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.