

RISE Academy School of Science & Technology
Board of Directors
Minutes
August 25, 2020

Members: Dr. George Peart, Nancy Flores, Loretta Haughton, Dorothea Jackson

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Peart @ 3:30 p.m. and seconded by L. Haughton.

Attendees: Dr. Morton (Exec. Dir.), Dr. Peart, D. Jackson, L. Haughton, N. Flores and A. Guerra (Principal)

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Executive Director Report:

- The Audit is due the end of September.
- The Budget adjusted to reflect Title I funds.
- Additional Grants have been applied for (CSP, ESSR and School Hardening Grant
- There are only two new hires this year as the staff turnover has been relatively stable.
- Teacher Financial Increase Allocation Plan funds – review plan (Increases have been awarded to teachers)
- RISE has received funding from Payroll Protection Program (“PPP”). Allowed cushion for payroll advances until Teacher Pay increase funding comes in.

Principal Reports: SEE PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ninety-five percent of the students have returned to RISE for the new school year. Approx. 36 new students have enrolled, including kindergarten.

The focus is on re-opening of school especially with RISE having Virtual classes for all grades. The instruction will continue to be rigorous even though it’s virtual. The school will continue to survey parents and follow the District and CDC guidelines for maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

New Business:

- The School also applied for the “CSP: Grant to purchase additional computers and update all technology needs for online learning. This is a very competitive grant and RISE is hopeful to be a recipient. The budget for the grant has been submitted.
- The security upgrades have begun. Security entry for doors as well as safety glass installed in all areas. Additional offices including Nurses Station have been built out.
- New lap tops have been purchased and the teacher lap tops will be upgraded.
- Technology Coordinator position will need to be filled to assist the Tech department with online learning.

There were no Public comments

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2020 at 6 p.m. The meeting was called for adjournment by Dr. Peart at 6:00 p.m. and seconded by N. Flores.



