



Board of Directors Meeting
April 19, 2018

In Attendance

Brock Kidd, Jon Driskell, Daryl Floyd, Kim Mallory, Charles Webb, Shaka Mitchell, Amy Richards, Amy Liz Riddick, Marsha Edwards, Suzie Browning, Elizabeth Clay

1 – Call to Order

- Brock Kidd called the meeting to Order at 7:50 am

2 – Principal Report

- 78 kindergarten students enrolled now with 68 signed up for next year.
- The topic of attrition was discussed which named a few possible reasons for the recent dropping numbers, including the regentrification of the East Nashville community and the relocation more than a few families.
- The several weeks will be busy with 8 – 10 faculty positions to fill, as well as hiring for a number of non-faculty positions.

4 – Transition Update

- Shaka Mitchell is spearheading the interview process for filling Jon Driskell's role as principal. He's pleased with the breadth of the candidates and will soon submit the three strongest for Marsha Edwards' review. Interviews will be scheduled within the next two weeks.
- It was encouraged that there be significant overlap for Jon Driskell and the newly hired principal prior to Jon's departure date.

5 – Facility Update

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6 – Finance Report

- Suzie Browning provided the Financials to the Explore Board. YTD February is \$279,099 underbudget due to expense management.

7 – Review Action Items and Upcoming Events

- Jon Driskell needs the Board's permission to fill various positions named above. Brock Kidd made the motion to approve Explore! Community School's hiring for these staff positions; Daryl Floyd seconded the motion; all voted in favor to approve and make the necessary allowances in the budget.
- An important item for discussion involved the continued struggle with the school's current bus provider, Gray Line. Charles Webb made the motion to approve the current transportation contract with Gray Line; Kim Mallory seconded the motion; all were in favor. Other transportation alternatives will be explored and discussed in the future.
- The last item of business concerned the school's IT support services. Explore has used *Wired! Technology Partners* and would like to engage *Computer Pros*, a local company also used by East End Prep. They also do business with many of Nashville's charter schools with monthly fees of \$400. A new IT contract with *Computer Pros* will be presented at the next board meeting.

8 – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.