

Centennial Academy

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2023 @ 12:00 PM

Governance Committee Members: Maurice Baker, Rewa Berry (Chair), Howard Grant, Walt Higgins (Vice-Chair), Jessica Olowoyo (Head of School)

Everyone present except Maurice Baker who sent notification that he was traveling.

Call to order @ 12:00 PM

1. Discuss Board Member

- Agree to remove Joe Handy from Board seat and add to a committee if he has the time to participate.
- Regarding new prospect, Derrick W. Gervin, everyone agrees to have him first tour the school and then send a summation of how he feels he can be a benefit to the Board. Dr. Grant feels new prospect can help with health disparities pertaining to attendance

2. Update on training

- Myself, Jessica Olowoyo and Dr. Grant have not received after the second request to resend. Rewa Berry will send another email to Ayana Clark to ensure everyone has received their training invitation.

3. Update on strategic Plan

- Jasmine Spencer sent Board newsletter that shows training hours completed, goal dashboard from Mr. Alejandro updates, articles on what national trends are happening pertaining to education and for Centennial
- Charter Renewal- opened this month, with a meeting scheduled with APS on 2/3/23. Kristen Thomas (GCSA) will be there as well as Jessica Olywoyo, Stephanie Hodges and Egbert Perry. Bonnie Holiday and Kristen Thomas were able to clear a pathway to APS on December 12th. APS is recommending we renew as a 'Conversion Charter' with same number of enrollment. They want a plan for the removal of lofts permanently written in Charter renewal. A company has been hired to conduct a feasibility analysis to assist with planning for development as part of charter renewal.

Q. Dr. Grant- Does APS assist with funds to get this done?

A. Jessica Olowoyo- We may be able advocate for APS contribution due to population changes at Centennial Academy since school was founded. With natural growth of Zone students/attendance, this may get us leverage.

- Rewa Berry stated that due to our population, APS should assist in funding a development for elementary and middle school and/or we should be able to try and locate funding/grant opportunities, if any to assist.

3(a). School updates

- Angel Tree WAS VERY successful.

- We were able to match the holiday bonus for staff thanks to Governing Board approving. Added a stipulation with bonus that states if a teacher/staff member resigns before school year, they have to pay back bonus.
- NTSS Coordinator is joining Centennial and is onboarding now.
- Marketing & Communication Manager is joining Centennial.
- There is an offer out for middle school math teacher
- 2023/24 school calendar will be presented at board meeting on 01/23/23 for approval as well as a draft of work chart for upcoming school year.
- Draft budget for the 2023/24 school year is being worked on to right size and be physically responsible without over spending.

4. Update on Board Engagement

- Governing Board newsletter will provide a dashboard that shows all board members participation.
- Jessica Olowoyo thanked all who participated in the Angel tree and informed us that the school will be more open next year for Parent volunteers and host more events onsite and off.
- Rewa Berry discussed how Coca-Cola use to sponsor students going to the holiday event. Suggested for us to take the opportunity to connect with Mr. Shaneel to possibly host something at Underground Atlanta during the holiday.
- Dr. Grant stated that he has a contact at Georgia Aquarium provided by Joe Handy who he will contact if needed to have an offsite event.

5. Update on Board Giving/ Resources

- Need to confirm with Chair, Egbert Perry that if anyone gave in August/September, does that count towards this year's goal for giving.
- Governing Board newsletter will provide a dashboard that shows who has donated.
- Need to make sure we understand we need to use 'Board Giving' platform for all board members to give and can make additional donations to the Hero Fund. Board members joining PTA should remain an option.

6. Q&A

- None

7. Adjourn @ 12:38 PM