



MINUTES

Date Sept 15, 2022

6:00 pm

Howard Street Charter School



<p>Board Present: Kelby Childers* Jenny Hoelter Jill Whitney Robin Saunders Wilson Erik Davis* QUORUM ACHIEVED – *phone in</p>	<p>Board Absent: Leslie Thompson-Savage</p>	<p>Guests: Christina Tracy</p>
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Meeting Convened: 6:00 pm

Guest Introductions: Christina Tracy

Public Testimony: N/A

Approval of Minutes from Aug 18 Meeting: Approved 6:05 pm

Principal’s Report:

The dance studio officially opened and has not yet passed inspection. Temporary occupancy granted with 30 days to complete full inspection. Using all but about an hour a day and a few community groups will be using in the evenings. \$100 for 1.5 hours of use, and that is going well. Capacity is about 40-50 and usable dance floor space is 3500 square feet. Salem Fire department donated an AED and it has full first aid in the building.

Duncan construction has been coming back through and finishing up little items including the gutter system by the front doors. Covid funds will be used to purchase mirrors for the studio and dividers for changing so students can change at the studio.

The start of the school year has gone very smoothly with chicken olympics at Silver Falls, there will be 11 advisory groups this year, choir has seen a significant increase in enrollment (around 60) recovering from its losses from Covid.

The city is working on curbing work around the perimeter.

Social emotional learning this year is focused entirely on boundaries. Staff is noticing

that, especially in the 6th grade group, students are really lacking boundaries. On advisory Wednesday, teachers are reading books to students--students picked which book they wanted to listen to, so there is more choice this year than there has been in the past (especially because of Covid). Boundaries are being discussed in the read alouds. Overall, very smooth start to the school year. A .93 SpEd IA coming from the district, will not be released until Oct 3rd. This person will be working in the 2- 6th grade and 2-8th grade humanities classrooms.

After school: Japanese from Willamette, Pops choir, cross country, fiber arts etc. Almost ½ the school is here after school participating in enrichment activities.

Finance: Aug 31, 2022 compared to Aug 31, 2021 is the only comparison we can make right now. We are two months into a school year and everything is pretty immature right now. We will have a better idea as the year progresses. Things will get more eventful as we move toward January/February.
(the school district was late on their distribution payment for July and August)

Admissions Committee: no report

HR: no report

Facilities: Christina is working on hiring a facilities and maintenance individual.

Old Business:

51/181 seats sold for the Pentacle performance of "She Kills Monsters". Word is spread via parents and facebook.

How can we share this with Howard Street Alumni and Alum families?

New Business:

Staff/Board retreat--google doc has been started to share ideas of what can be discussed at this retreat. What is the goal of this retreat? That needs to be established prior to the meeting.

Oct 12 1:30-3:30: Board staff meet and greet/introductions

Potential future ideas: reviewing compensation changes that have been made over the last couple of years (salary, \$\$ for insurance etc). Are there things that the staff has been discussing that the Board needs to be aware of? Community partnerships? Engagement of how to engage the community to diversify interest and knowledge in Howard Street. Potential outreach plan and mapping for future enrollment/diversification.

Annual Report: we will review at the October 20th meeting for submission on Oct 31st.

New Business: We are being honored by the city of Salem for the House into a Home Project on October 17th at the Salem Public Library. (Mayor and city manager's office)

Reading Chapter 7 this month--for second discussion so more people can participate in the content of this chapter.

Moving forward using the 5:30 time to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Next Meetings: Oct 12, 2022 1:30-3:30 Staff PD in building

Oct 20, 2022 5:30 Book Club 6:00 Board Meeting via Zoom