



MINUTES

Date March 16 , 2023

6:00 pm

Howard Street Charter School



Board Present: Jenny Hoelter Jill Whitney Leslie Thompson- Savage Kelby Childers Erik Davis QUORUM ACHIEVED –	Board Absent: Robin Saunders Wilson	Guests: Christina Tracy
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Meeting Convened: 6:01 pm

Guest: Christina Tracy

Introductions:

- Guest Introduction-Christina Tracy

Open Forum:

- Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes--Minutes approved at 6:27 pm

Business:

- **Principal's Report:** We have a new incoming class of 6th graders via the lottery. To improve the lottery for next year, the lottery will close the first Friday on March and then there is a week of application review time to make sure all applications are squared away--giving staff appropriate time to disseminate the lists appropriately. We had 120 applications and 7 siblings. We selected 64 random students via lottery and are seeing some students from segments of the district that we have not seen before, which is a positive outcome we have been looking for since the move.
- 3/17/23 students will go to OMSI--with a special exhibit of Marvel! Followed by 2 weeks of spring break and then April is Music Month. Adjudication will take place on three

dates in April--and students will be judged on their skills. HSCS has always performed during these performances. HSCS has one of the largest orchestras in the district so our music requirement is paying off for our students.

- We are in the process of working with our 6th graders on some positive behavior systems to help shape some unwanted or immature behaviors that could be because of covid delays. Our 7th grade group is really solid on attendance, however 6th and 8th grade attendance is lacking. This is an area, that as a team/board, we need to look at possible suggestions for dealing with attendance issues--particularly because of anxiety and avoidance.
- Teachers are doing well and we have a lot of positive things going on in the building.

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Finance Committee: State school fund and general support is ADMW and we are right at budget--our total revenues are right about where we would expect them to be give or take just a narrow margin. We've saved about \$80,000 by using funding from grant funds instead and some areas are coming in under budget. Our general revenues are neck and neck with budget and would be better if we didn't have the attendance issues we currently have.

Admissions Committee: There is nothing new with admission since the lottery earlier in March. Robyn is getting some data together about what schools were represented-- boys vs girls etc.

HR Committee (all): Christina does all staff performance reviews, we do Christina's--we are working on getting the format together for the review.

- **Facilities Committee:** The curbs in the back will be removed to create a wide open space. Asphalt armor--a new environmentally friendly alternative to black top, it is supposed to last 25 years, for the north side. Duncan is getting a quote to create some curbing in parking spots and the church is willing to pitch in some money to contribute to fencing that both HSCS and the church will benefit from. This will also create a space to add some signage for school announcements. The Center for Hope and Safety has improved safety around the dance studio. However, this has been a difficult week dealing with struggles related to homelessness and individuals struggling in the area. One patron in particular continues to return and is causing some issues for staff. Hiring the additional custodial staff has helped with keeping the building clean.
- **Old business: SIA funds conversation**

The SIA has to be used for specific categories: transition, arts support, and learning. We receive just over \$125k to support these goals and another \$130k for the next year. Some funds have been put into field trips, counseling support--Stronger Oregon, curriculum (IXL math, Newsela, adobe etc), and teacher support (guest music teacher) to cite just a few examples. This is a biennium--corp tax and it will go until the legislature revokes the funding, it has been going since 2020.

Keeping in mind that funding and access can change from year to year--especially with our mental health supports, when considering how to allocate for supports from year to year.

- Motion to approve 3 areas of consideration for SIA funding for the next 2 years--motion approved at 6:54 pm
- May 2nd for parent engagement night at 6:00--Erik, Leslie, Jenny and Christina said they will participate. Inviting the incoming 6th grade parents as well
Format: parents gather, provide some snacks, a behavioral health consultant will be present to discuss school avoidance (set up in orchestra room) , parents can look around the building.

Recruitment work group to analyze applications by feeder school/zip code: Robyn, Leslie, Kelby

Student Recruitment--Robyn is looking at the applications and hopefully will be able to present next time.

NEW BUSINESS: Leslie is a part of the Boys and Girls Club art auction at Illahee June 1st outside. Boys and Girls Club participants create art or professional artists create art to fundraise for the Arts department at the Boys and Girls Club.

--potentially a student or teacher would be interested in donating a piece of art.

Adjourn: Mar 16, 2023 at 7:16 pm

Next BOG meeting Scheduled: April 13, 2023 at 6:00 in person