

Minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2021.

Directors present: Brenda Minor, Duane Stelly, Al Edwards, Shannon London, Donnyette Love, Emily Roubion, and Anthony LaPierre

Other persons present: Kelly Batiste, Gretchen Jonson, Brenda Watson, Lela Scully (Tulane student), Abbie Whitaker (Tulane student), Paige Jackson (NOPS).

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 and due to logistical hazards encountered by the President Duane Stelly, Mr. LaPierre was asked to chair the meeting.

Mr. LaPierre (The Chair) instructed the board to review the meeting agenda; and if no questions or concerns, move to adopt the agenda as written. The Chair then called for public comments. Hearing none; a motion was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. London. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair then called for adoption of prior month's minutes. Public comments were solicited. Hearing none; a motion was made by Ms. Minor and seconded by Mr. Edwards. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Batiste then proceeded with her CEO's report. The following points were noted:

1. Department of Education (DOE) tutoring program update
 - a. Mrs. Batiste informed the board that the school's application for the early access tutoring program by The DOE, was approved. She further stated that 1st and 2nd graders were the targeted group. Funds to be provided via a grant. Mrs. Batiste then went on to say that this program will help in addressing the learning gap associated with virtual learning. {Program to start in March}
2. School vaccinations
 - a. Mrs. Batiste informed the board that NOLA Public Schools coordinated to get vaccinations for all school employees. And that the shots would be administered by Children's Hospital.
 - b. Mr. Edwards then asked was the tutoring program just for Fannie C Williams (FCW) kids are for New Orleans East. Mrs. Batiste responded that the program would just be for FCW students. The program would be funded by a \$5,000 stipend for teachers who participate.

With nothing further to report, Mrs. Batiste concluded her report.

Ms. Watson then proceeded to discuss the business report and the following were noted:

1. The original report was revised.
2. The AFR changed due to best practices.
 - a. Fannie C was cited for not following best practices. Specifically, the audit report identified a material weakness regarding the submission of cost reports for Title 1 & 2 grants. The auditors noted that no one reviews cost reports for Title 1 expenses incurred by Fannie C prior to submission.
 - b. Title 1 was audited because it is the biggest program.
3. The Feb 1 count came out and there is to be a true-up of the number.
 - a. Ms. Watson stated that FCE is down 24 students, which equates to about \$170,000 loss of funds. Additionally, she pointed out that the true-up should occur in April.

4. FCW is tightening up its spending because of this loss of students. Payments are only being received for 481 students (505-24). 505 students were the number of students that FCW was receiving payments for last year. However, given this, Ms. Watson stated that she not anticipating FCW taking any major hits.

Mr. Edwards asked were the funds from the Covid grant received? Ms. Watson responded by saying that the school received funds from strong start in the amount of \$384,000. And these funds were used to purchase laptops and hot spots. As such, every student received both. All funds used.

Mrs. Minor then asked was FCW able to save money because of non-usage of bus services and a reduction in food costs? Mrs. Watson stated that the savings occurred in the areas of employment tax credits and that she just needs to get with Paylocity.

Lastly, Mr. Edwards asked has the school received any PPP funds? And do we have to re-apply for the second round. Mrs. Batiste responded that we did not apply for the second round of the PPP money.

The Chair then called for any public comments. Hearing none; Mrs. Batiste informed the board that the next scheduled meeting would be 4/22. After this, the Chair then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Roubion made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Edwards.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01p.m.