

FGCS Board of Directors

May 8, 2018 Meeting

Board Members Present

Bob Hatt, Chair

Jon Stagnitti, Treasurer

Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Vice Chair

Robbie Pock, member

Steve Molin, Secretary

Roger Neyman, member

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal

Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by chair Bob Hatt.

No unscheduled public appearances.

Voting Items

- April 2018 Minutes: Jon moved to approve the April 2018 board minutes as written. Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2018-19 Budget: Vanessa asked to move the vote on the budget to the June 12 meeting so she can present a budget that reflects a funding increase, if that is approved by the District board, and the May state ADMw forecast. Bob moved to change the budget to a discussion item for this meeting; Robbie seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- Board Elections
 - Jon, Robbie and Steve all expressed willingness to serve another 2-year term. Bob moved to re-elect Jon, Robbie and Steve to two-year terms that will expire on April 30, 2020. Anita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Jon moved to re-elect Bob as chair; Roger seconded. Anita moved to re-elect Jon as treasurer; Roger seconded the motion. Steve moved to re-elect Anita as vice chair; Roger seconded the motion. Robbie moved to re-elect Steve as secretary; Roger seconded the motion. The motions all passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

- Vanessa thanked board members who obtained or gave items for the Art Event silent auction and volunteered at the event.

Discussion Items

- Charter renewal/funding presentation: Vanessa will make a presentation to the District School Board on May 14 in connection with the renewal of the FGCS charter contract with the District. FGCS is seeking a 2 percent increase in the rate of per-pupil state funding 'passed through' to the school from the District (from 88 percent to 90 percent). Parents and other friends of FGCS are encouraged to attend as a show of support. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.; Vanessa's presentation is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. There is time for public comment at the start of the meeting.
- Board recruitment: Vanessa and Anita recently met with a diversity, equity and inclusion specialist who recommended making a concerted effort to recruit Board members who reflect the demographics of our district, specifically Board members from the Latinx community. Vanessa would also like to bring on a Board member experienced in fundraising and willing to focus on fundraising with a work group. Jon expressed support for those goals but stated his desire for individuals willing and able to be actively engaged with Board work. The Board asked about and Karen explained how the Board could amend the Bylaws to increase the board to more than 7 members (current membership is 6).
- 2018-19 Budget: Vanessa detailed how various funding levels will impact staff pay and staffing levels. If pass-through funding were decreased from the current 88 percent to 85 percent, 3 instructional assistant positions would be cut. Vanessa would like to have another teacher salary survey conducted in the next year, ideally by an outside firm, to assess how FGCS salaries compare to similar-sized schools.
 - Anita and Jon asked about what the impact would be in the classroom if instructional assistant (IA) positions were cut. Vanessa described the work IAs are doing in classrooms.
 - Vanessa highlighted the fact that the proposed budget includes \$15,300 for daily busing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.