

Governing Board Meeting
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3:00 pm



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Minutes from Governing Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Horizons Charter School was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 3:30 pm on the campus of the school. A Quorum was declared present based on the presence of three directors, principal, and management.

Call to Order – Mary Altier called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

In attendance: Mary Altier, Aileen Tapp (via telephone), April Etter, Dr. Erik Thorson, Cheryl Turner

Review of Minutes from the June 15th, 2022 meeting – Aileen Tapp motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting, April Etter second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Guest speaker from REGIONS bank on investing our money – John Yannick, CRPC (Vice President and Financial Advisor) of Regions Bank sent paperwork and worked with Erik Thorson who presented the new proposal. At this time we will open a new account to move the money over that will be used for investment. Discuss was held and a conservative amount of \$100,000.00 is the desired number to invest. After account is set up, John Yannick will propose ideas and help us move the money. Mary Altier will be the on the account for assurances and balance. No vote needed at this time. All members agreed this would be using our money in the right way for the future on the school.

Review of Financials of School - Erik Thorson presented the annual end of the year budget and proposal for the 22-23 school year. After presentation and review, Mary Altier motioned to accept the financials and budget, April Etter second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Current enrollment Cheryl Turner presented the enrollment as 135 but we have two families that have NOT returned registration after many attempted to connect. We will hold their spots if they can return information by beginning of school. Our confidence is that we will have 131 students and the budget is based on that count. We have a wait list for all grades.

Update on Fence project Erik Thorson gave an update on the fence project. The project is complete. We passed the city inspection with a couple of items to be addressed. Superior Fence will return to make the small corrections. The board is very pleased with the safety aspect as well as the look of the school.

Mental Health Allocation Plan and Assurance Cheryl Turner shared this year’s plan and the money will received for the school year. With a small balance carried over from last year, the focus will be using a LMHC at the school. The second focus will be to support student and family in the area of social emotion needs and learning. Materials will be purchased and used weekly. This is part of CIMS data base and will be shared with BPS for their submission by August 1st. The Assurance for the school was presented and Mary Altier signed. Cheryl Turner will upload this into Charter Tools. Mary Altier motioned to accept both items, April Etter second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

School Improvement Plan Cheryl Turner shared the 22-23 SIP with board. It has been shared with stakeholders including teachers and staff. It will be shared with parents as well. After looking at the Spring data, the shift was apparent to focus our goals on three things: BEST standards in Math and ELA, Reading for Comprehension in all subjects, Adding Technology to support classroom learning and new state assessments. We have changed our commitment from tablets and laptops to all small Google Chrome laptops for each student and teacher grades K-6.

Principal Comments Cheryl Turner shared that we are again an A – High performing school. This year the assessment will change and we will not receive a school grade. We are currently interviewing for Lead 5 & 6 teacher, Reading Kindergarten teacher / Reading Grade 1 & 2 and part time PE. Along with all schools, we are feeling the burden of filling positions. Many avenues are being taken including using substitutes in the classrooms until positions are filled.

Managers Comments Erik Thorson reviewed the progress made this summer including removal of brush, fence, addition of office, updated bathroom, waxing of floors and cleaning of carpets. He will continue to support the school as it opens in any way needed. After reviewing other policies in the neighbor charter schools, Erik Thorson stated we will pay a small stipend for directors when they attend the board meetings. He will pay \$100.00. Each board member was given a W9 for the payment.

Public Comments The board checked the email and there was no new correspondence. No comments to be shared through social media or messages.

Adjournment: Mary Altier closed the meeting at 3:59 pm
Next meeting scheduled at 3:30 pm on October 18th, 2022 at the school

Mary Altier (Chairperson) _____ Date _____
signature