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Mission

RFK Charter School prepares, motivates, and supports students to achieve their college and career goals

in partnership with their families and the community.

**Governance Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday October 21, 2021**

**4:30 PM**

**Governance Council Members**:

**Roll Call: Chair:** Tina Garcia-Shams, Mark Walch, Sylvia McCleary, Lawrence Barela, Trey Hammond (virtual), Clyde Ortiz (virtual)

**Absent**: Joseph Sanchez

 **Yes:** Quorum

  **Staff**: Robert Baade, Irene Sanchez, Aaron Arellano, Shawn Morris

**Guests: Representative Roybal-Caballero and Josie Marrujo with LULAC**

**Approval of agenda**

Tina Garcia-Shams made the motion to approve the October agenda. Trey Hammond seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**Approval September meeting minutes**

Mark Walch motioned to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes. Sylvia McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously. \*Approval pending requested corrections/changes

**Public Comment –** Representative Roybal-Caballero spoke about current items going on

 Josie Marrujo with LULAC spoke about their current program

**Middle School** **High School Update –** Aaron Arellano provided the Middle School updates

**High School Update -** Shawn Morris provided the high school updates; stating that 361 total students are enrolled, with 270 at the high school.

**Finance Committee Report**

**Vote:** Lawrence Barela made the motion to approve the finance committee report for September. Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Cash Disbursements** – total of $498,066.95

**Vote:** Sylvia McClearymade a motion to approve the cash disbursement. Tina Gacia-Shams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**BARs**

Sylvia McCleary made a motion to approve BAR # 001-051-2122-0021-IB Lease Assistance (initial budget), $249,253. Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sylvia McCleary made a motion to approve the BAR #001-051-2122-0022-IB, DOH-Covid testing (initial budget), $81,100. Lawrence Barela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Disposal of assets:** Several student laptops, printers, desktops, monitors, etc.

Vote: Lawrence Barelamade a motion to approve the cash disbursement. Sylvia McCleary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**RFR**

* RFR submitted through September 30 2021.

**Cash on hand** – Months of cash on hand is 1.71 months

Enrollment count is 362 (268 High School, 94 Middle School) which stays within the budget of actual of 97%

**Audit Findings – FY’2020**

6 findings, 1 repeat finding.

**Update on Financial Institution switch:**

Sylvia McCleary gave a brief update on the process of switching banking institutions. Sylvia stated we would do the switch during the summer.

**Housekeeping –** talked about board training hours, possible new board members, possible new community members and different committees.

**Executive Director’s Report -** We have completed the initial APS site visit for the year this morning with Dr. Escobedo visiting classrooms, in addition to Special Education and Financial reviews.

The visit was extremely positive and it was acknowledged how well prepared we were for the visit on all fronts.  We continue to enroll students of choice and hire short term staff to cover all the holes that the current environment creates on a weekly sometimes daily basis.  We anticipate a reduction for the 40 day count of appx. $125,000. We have begun conversations with legislators and anticipate requests totaling $450,000 in capital and potential operating funds.

After a conversation with our minutes taker our contract will not continue and my recommendation is to leave the schedule of Governance Council meetings as is and the minutes be taken as we look for another person to attend for the purpose.

At this point in time I am withdrawing my hard deadline of retiring at the end of next year.  Corvid has clearly disrupted the planned transition, combined with the change in direction indicated by this Council and its connection to the work with Casey Foundation and John Hopkins.  I want to support the transition and leaving at the end of next year may not be the ideal plan at this time.

**Adjourn**

**Vote:** Mark Walch made the motion to adjourn. Sylvia McCleary seconded. The motion passed unanimously

Adjourned at 7:14pm

Robert F Kennedy Charter School

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