

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2018

Call to Order / Roll Call

President/CEO Margaret Fortune called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Board Secretary Michelle Grace called the roll:

Eleanor Brown: PRESENT Paulette Brown Hinds: PRESENT Bertha Gorman: PRESENT

Scott Loehr: PRESENT Ollie Watson: PRESENT

Quorum reached.

President/CEO Margaret Fortune announced the item to be discussed in closed session. Meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at 5:05pm.

Open Session – Call to Order

President/CEO Margaret Fortune called Open Session back to order at 5:44pm. There was no action taken on the item heard in closed session.

President/CEO Margaret Fortune led the flag salute.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Watson made a motion to approve the October 18, 2018 Board Agenda as published. Member Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

BROWN: AYE BROWN HINDS: AYE GORMAN: AYE LOEHR: AYE

WATSON: AYE

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None heard.

Approve Minutes from August 23, 2018 Meeting

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the August 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Member Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

BROWN: AYE BROWN HINDS: AYE GORMAN: AYE LOEHR: AYE

WATSON: AYE

Motion carried.

Announcement of Board Member Term Extension

President/CEO Margaret Fortune announced that Member Paulette Brown Hinds has agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Directors through June 30, 2020.

Approve Hardy Brown College Prep Middle School Overnight Field Lesson to Cuyamaca Outdoor School – San Diego County

President/CEO Margaret Fortune presented the item. This outdoor experience for middle school students in grades 6 through 8 at Hardy Brown College Prep is part of the organization's comprehensive approach to social-emotional learning. In Sacramento county, students attend Sly Park annually. Cuyamaca Outdoor School was the first outdoor school of its kind in California. This outdoor school is situated in the wilderness of San Diego county; students will enjoy a three night, four day stay. Students will experience science-based curriculum, with the opportunity to see wildlife in their natural environment, as well as participate in team building activities. Students will have jobs assigned to them while at the outdoor school, assisting in the daily operation. After this inaugural year, the field lesson will be open to sixth graders only just as Sly Park is in Sacramento county. As this is an overnight experience, it requires Board approval.

Member Loehr made a motion to approve the Hardy Brown College Prep overnight field lesson to Cuyamaca Outdoor School for middle school scholars in grades 6-8. Member Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

BROWN: AYE BROWN HINDS: AYE GORMAN: AYE LOEHR: AYE

WATSON: AYE

Motion carried.

Suicide Prevention Policy Update

Chief Operating Officer Michelle Grace presented the item. The Board was presented with the implementation plan that has been developed related to the Board-adopted Suicide Prevention Policy. A critical component of the implementation plan is the reentry protocol. The implementation plan addresses each of the components of the Suicide Prevention Policy. Organization-wide suicide prevention training will take place for all employees on November 8, 2018. This training will be provided by certified trainers from the QPR Institute.

Anti-Bullying / Social Emotional Learning Program Updates

President/CEO Margaret Fortune and Hazel Mahone College Prep Principal Tamara Williams presented the item. Fortune School of Education has contracted with Safe and Civil Schools to provide research-based anti-bullying training and curriculum. Safe and Civil Schools comes highly recommended by the El Dorado County SELPA, which Fortune School is a member of. Safe and Civil Schools will conduct a full day professional development for the staffs of Hardy Brown College Prep and Alan Rowe College Prep, which are the two schools that will pilot the program. The text for the training and the program as a whole is *Bullying Solutions: Universal and Individual Strategies*. In addition to the staff training component, there is a parent education module that will also be offered to parents and guardians. The program includes forms that can be used by staff to collect information, methods of documentation, and student-facing materials which will assist staff in effectively implementing and maintaining the program. Second Step is a social emotional learning program that has been adopted by Fortune School. Second Step supports Fortune's mission by helping students to improve their skills in school by decreasing problem behaviors. Second Step helps students to understand their feelings, as well as the self-regulation skills to calm themselves down and move to problem solving to resolve the issue they are experiencing. Each teacher has a Second Step kit that is appropriate for the specific grade level they are teaching. In addition to the kit, there are online resources available for teachers as well. Kits include lesson materials, DVDs, and puppets for lower grades. There is a Principal's Toolkit that can be used for assemblies, parent nights, etc. School staff wear Second Step lanyards that contain the terminology used in the program to ensure consistency. There are home link lessons that are provided to parents and guardians through weekly newsletters that can be practiced at home, providing consistency between home and school. Second Step was piloted in 2017-18 at Hazel Mahone College Prep and William Lee College Prep. Second Step was highlighted at Fortune's 2018 Summer Symposium for all staff; this year, all schools in the Fortune network are following the program, as evidenced by its inclusion in the daily schedule.

Higher Education Update

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy presented the item. Higher Education has begun utilizing video technology in a myriad of ways to deliver instruction. A video library of course instruction is under construction. Courses are being videotaped for students to view; live course instruction is happening in Sacramento and being streamed to the campus in Concord. Schoology, Fortune's learning management system, is utilized by all students and faculty in the higher education program. All assignments are submitted through Schoology; grading and feedback is provided through Schoology; it also serves as a messaging platform between students and faculty. Topic Seminars have been added for 2018-19, which will bring leaders in education throughout California to present relevant information to the students in Fortune's higher education programs. Pro Quest, an online library used in universities around the world which provides access to education journals, books and other research materials to students and faculty, has been adopted by Fortune School of Education's higher education program.

CAASPP Performance Update – Spring, 2018

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy presented the item. CAASPP assessment data has been released to the public by the state. One measure that was examined was the number of scholars meeting or exceeding the standards across the Fortune network over a three year span of time. ELA: data shows a steady march of improvement; in math the data shows a significant jump in the implementation year of the new math curriculum. Looking at the data through a three-year lens allows the trends to be recognized. Similar Schools Ranks were shared with the Board for the Fortune network schools; 5 of the 6 schools measured are in the top 50% controlled for demographics; 3 of the 6 schools measured are in the top 50% overall. Fortune School and Hardy Brown College prep are the front runners in the network.

President/CEO's Report

November 3 is Parent Academy at the Ephraim Williams Family Life Center in Oak Park. Dr. Rex Fortune will launch his new book at Parent Academy. Advanced copies of Dr. Fortune's new book will be provided to the Board of Directors. A panel of high performing charter leaders will help to launch Dr. Fortune's book. Parents will be offered workshops and have the opportunity to hear from the Director of Advising from CSU Sacramento and a presentation from Scholar Share. Kudos to the team for a solid start to the 2018-19 school year. The next Board Meeting will be held November 15 at 5:00 pm at Fortune School on Stockton Boulevard.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Submitted by:


Board Secretary