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LoveWorks Academy for Visual and Performing Arts Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: March 20, 2018
Meeting Time: 6:00pm
Meeting Location: LoveWorks Academy for Visual and Performing Arts
2225 Zenith Avenue North, Golden Valley, MN 55422

LoveWorks Mission

LoveWorks Academy provides a top-quality, comprehensive, and meaningful experience and education. Through an intentionally nurturing and caring environment, each LoveWorks student and staff member is expected and supported to achieve at the highest level while growing individual creativity, talents, and abilities.

Board Members in Attendance

Tierney Carroll (Chair)
Ron Richard (Treasurer)
Sara Kemper (Secretary)
Schuyler Troy
Ellie Holte
Angie von Ruden-Doll
Jidana Cook

Board Members Not in Attendance

LaTia Childers
Tamala Lacy

Others in Attendance

Mary Stafford (LWA/TRUEnorth)
Arthur Turner (LWA)
Jim Mulvahill (TRUEnorth)
Morgan Brown (Great Minnesota Schools)
Nichole Schmidt (CLA)



1. Opening items
 - Call to order / Greetings (5 mins)
 - Public forum (available for the public to address the board) (15 mins)
 - No one present

2. Consent agenda
 - February Board Meeting Minutes
 - Agenda
 - Committee Reports/Minutes
 - Succession Planning Documents
 - LWA Candidate Interview and LWA Candidate Information session
 - Board Evaluation of TRUEnorth

Motion: Approve the consent agenda (Ellie Holte)			Seconded: Ron Richard
In Favor: 4	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 2 Schuyler Troy Ron Richard	Outcome: Motion carried [4-0]

3. School Leader Report
 - Enrollment Update
 - Student enrollment at 180.
 - Enrollment decline primarily due to homeless and highly mobile student population.
 - Staffing Update
 - Currently recruiting for 2018-2019 school year.
 - School Transformation Update
 - School Leaders continue to prioritize:
 - Building a culture of CALM
 - Relentless focus on individual student GROWTH, and
 - Renewed focus on ARTS as context for achievement.
 - Ms. Stafford presented a snippet of a video made pro-bono by Emmy award-winning documentarian about LoveWorks and our amazing students (still in progress).
 - Great turnout at the March 9th Black History event at the Minneapolis Urban League! About 150 LWA community members were present.
 - Compliance and Accountability
 - Midyear Review of Student Data
 - Ms. Stafford presented a report on Midyear Review of Student Data (see packet).
 - Mid-year NWEA results show overall higher growth than projected in most grade levels.
 - Discussion of supports in progress for grade levels with below-projected growth.

4. Financial Review
 - Review of February 2018 financial report

- Now 67% through fiscal year.
- Decrease in cash from prior month a result of getting caught up on payments.
- Updated FY18 budget must be approved by June 30; we will likely see this in May or June with three versions at different enrollment projections.
- Will hear back from the state regarding Pre-K scholarship application by April 1.

Motion: Accept financials pending audit (Angie von Ruden-Doll)			Seconded: Ron Richard
In Favor: 5	Opposed: 0	Abstained: 1 Jidana Cook	Outcome: Motion carried [5-0]

5. Other Business

- Staff appreciation week is May 7-11
 - Sara Kemper would like to collaborate to plan a gesture of appreciation on behalf of the board. Please let Sara know if you are interested in helping.
- Annual Meeting
 - Per our February board meeting, the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. A suggestion was made to have parents and guardians be present for voting and the Annual Meeting portion from 6:30-7:30pm to accommodate parent/guardian schedules, with regular board business from 7:30-8:30pm.
 - The Governance Committee will propose a system at the April board meeting for absentee voting and tracking to ensure a fair vote.
- Annual fundraising event
 - Angie von Ruden-Doll, on behalf of the Development Committee, suggested that the board organize an annual fundraising event. Board members were enthusiastic about this idea, which the Development Committee will pursue in subsequent meetings.
- Lego League
 - Schuyler Troy shared information about a potential Lego League and funding available through the FIRST program. The program emphasizes creativity and problem-solving. Mr. Troy will be pursuing more information for participation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, subject to feasibility and staff availability.
- Discussion of term lengths
 - Sara Kemper requested feedback from board members on term lengths in advance of next Governance Committee meeting, which will take place via conference call on April 6 at 8:15am.
- LoveWorks sign
 - Board members and school leaders discussed the absence of a LWA sign on the main lawn outside the school.

6. Close of Meeting

- Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00pm, LoveWorks Academy
- Adjourn 7:28pm