

Board Meeting – February 23, 2021

Attendance:

1. William Brown
2. Charles Brewer -Unable to attend
3. Joe Sullivan
4. Steve Lanzl
5. Cary Hall
6. Helen Irby -Unable to attend
7. David Mitchell
8. Glenn Head -Unable to attend
9. Adela Mendoza -Unable to attend
10. Carl Stecker -Unable to attend
11. Llyn Strong
12. Mark Crocker
13. Charles Claxton (new Board member)

Administration:

1. Kyle Kovach
2. Idasa Cobb
3. LaCheryl Smith
4. Virginia Burrows -Unable to attend
5. Elliot Smalley
6. Gretchen Taylor
7. Charles Ratterree

Call to Order: 2:32pm

Minutes Approval: Steve Lanzl made a motion the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting be approved. Llyn Strong seconded.

Finance Committee Report: Gretchen Taylor

- Review of Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of January 31, 2021
- Current Scholar Count is 1557--still in a strong position, 2,219 weighted pupils as of 45th day

Principal and Director Reports:

Kyle Kovach – Elementary School

- Principal Kovach shared school updates:
 - "Back in business" -Fully up and running with in-person and virtual.
 - Able to maintain in-person learning since bringing back full school based on safety protocols.

- Digging into benchmark data and building reteach plans based on current gaps.
- Zoom has really helped --morning huddles, "Talk it out Tuesdays," Black History-month spirit week with a culminating event, a schoolwide parade and guest speakers.
- Lots of great things are happening academically, socially and culturally.
- About 70% in-person and 30% virtual.
- 4K is doing amazing--walked into the school first day like they had been there for years. The impact of this and next year's 120 seat center will be tremendous.

Idasa Cobb – Middle School

- Principal Cobb shared school updates:
 - Approximately 103 5th-6th grade scholars on campus this week. Everything is running smoothly.
 - Have an amazing team of teachers who have worked tirelessly, as well as the operations staff, who have worked hard to make sure scholars are safe.
 - 7th grade scholars onboard March 1.
 - Two weeks later, March 15, will have 8th graders back on campus.
 - Currently working on vertical alignment with the high school, identifying power standards and trends at both levels and editing pacing guides and instruction.
 - Completing Science and Social Studies meetings with the high school teams - looking at common themes and how the curriculum spirals and how we can do a better job of laying the foundation at the middle school level.
 - Another part of PD on Friday was discussing burnout and trauma--our teachers walked away with tips to take care of their own social-emotional needs.
 - Working on SEL for scholars and for teachers to ensure they have the energy and stamina to get through the day. Dr. Craig Littlejohn is speaking with our scholars this Friday, virtual field trips and mentors. We are excited about this program and the effort to get our scholars to and through college!
 - Next event is a Black History program on Friday.
 - Lastly, coming soon are dates for cap and gown pictures -March 9 and 12th.

LaCheryl Smith - High School

- Principal Smith shared school updates:
 - All is well. Will be onboarding in-person scholars March 1st, then 9th and 10th graders March 15.
 - Second semester is also a huge time for testing--juniors taking the PSAT
 - Today our juniors took the ACT--they had a four-week bootcamp and practice test
 - Next week, WIDA testing and WIN testing.
 - Some celebrations-- Black History program this Thursday with a Poetry Slam highlighting our poet scholars.
 - On February 26, we will announce valedictorian, salutatorian, top ten seniors, and top six junior marshalls for graduation and will recognize scholarship earners.
 - This semester, we have 110 scholars taking dual enrollment.
 - We have a new partnership with Southern Wesleyan for our dual enrollment program.
 - Mr. Deion Jamison, 2nd year TFA alumni, has been selected for Teacher of the Year.

Chairman's Report – William Brown

- K4 building is progressing well.
 - Appears to be on schedule.
 - Expecting 120 scholars in August.
 - We have a K4 director hired for that position and teachers are being hired.
 - We're still working on operational funding but it appears to be coming into place.

- We're amending our charter to reflect K4-12 instead of K5-12.
- We have a capital campaign going on.
 - Just to remind you, the goal is to raise \$40.2 million.
 - \$3.2 for 4K, \$21 for Berea, \$5 for college scholarships, and \$11 million to redo the auditorium and make it into a world-class fine arts center.
 - We have a lot of naming opportunities.
- High school graduation will be June 11 on the soccer field.
 - Our speaker this year is a retired major general from the US Army.
 - He's going to create a scholarship program and we're working on the criteria for the scholarship.
 - One of our Legacy graduates has agreed to do a \$1,000 scholarship first and second semester and his plan is to be here to announce that at graduation.
- We hired our new Executive Director, Marc Zachary.
 - We'll be sending you more information on him.
 - Marc will be joining us in July as Executive Director and I look forward to you meeting him.
- What will school look like this August? We're not exactly sure what will happen with vaccines but we'll be making decisions and will adapt to make things work for our scholars, their families, and our Legacy staff.

Mr. Claxton--I'm happy to be part of the Board, I've been part of Legacy for a long time. I am grateful and honored to be on the Board and to serve and be helpful however I can.

Public Comment – None

Old Business – None

Adjourned – 3:02pm

Respectfully submitted by Elliot Smalley

The Mission of Legacy Early College School is to offer a quality, rigorous, and relevant educational program leading to college graduation and empowering underserved urban students to become productive, healthy, principled citizens in a changing society.