

Herron Classical Schools Board Meeting  
Via Zoom  
Dec. 14, 2021

Board members present were John Watson, Keith Steiner, Dave Sternberg, Adrian Miller, Mindy Cunningham, Daniel Roy, Mark Nottingham, Caryl West, David Steele, Brenda Roper, Mary Ann Sullivan, Carolyn Mosby, Mac McWhirter, Pat Crittenden, and Meggie Dials. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Jonathan Harris, Anne Deckard, Tenika Holden-Flynn, Juli Woodrum, Jennifer Neher Sommers, and Karen Lalioff.

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present.

Dr. Holden-Flynn provided a report sharing a letter from the parent of a first grade student at Herron Preparatory Academy. The letter expressed gratitude and the student's love for the school and her teacher. Dr. Holden-Flynn also provided a presentation regarding initial data related to student literacy growth, which demonstrated that some students had started at HPA with deficits (possibly due to learning interruptions caused by the pandemic) but had shown strong growth.

Minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

Mr. Watson reported that the search for a permanent site for HPA continues to be challenging. Two previously considered sites are no longer being considered. Additional discussions and research are ongoing.

The Board previously discussed the desire to add new members. Michael Allen was presented to the Board as a candidate. After a discussion, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Allen's election to the Board as a director.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Woodrum provided the Fiduciary Committee's a financial report. Long-term debt is down by approximately \$1.1 million since last year. Our auditor, KSM, previously presented the audit report to the Fiduciary Committee, and no significant issues were identified. KSM recommended that HCS consider how the organization allocates certain time worked by individuals. Enrollment remains largely unchanged.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Development Committee's report. Classical Cocktails was a terrific success. In addition, HCS recently secured a \$25,000 grant to be acknowledged in the near future.

The Board unanimously voted to approve an updated gift acceptance policy regarding HCS' acceptance of donations and gifts.

Ms. McNeal provided the Education Committee report. Herron High School and Riverside High School graduation rates were recently audited. HHS's rate remained unchanged, while RHS' rate declined slightly due to our inability to locate three previously enrolled students, resulting in a 3 percent decrease in our previously assigned rate. Enrollment for next year for HHS and HPA remains strong, while RHS is softer consistent with experience in prior years. Finally, we reviewed certain safety procedures and will make slight adjustments as a result.

The meeting was adjourned.