



Endeavor Board Meeting Agenda: February 4, 2020
7:00 PM in ECS Multipurpose Room

Present:

Board Member	Position	Term Start	Term Ending	Present
Amy Tharrington Start: July 1, 2016	Member	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2022	Yes
Jaclyn Parks Start: April 8, 2019	Member	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2022	Yes
Bill Kroll Start: May 19, 2016	Chair	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2022	Yes
Tracy DeMarco Start: June 15, 2017	Secretary	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2020	Yes
Ashley Hicks Start: June 15, 2017	Member	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2020	Yes
Kim Keith Start: May 25, 2017	Vice-Chair	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2020	No
Nick Cerullo Start: March 19, 2018	Member	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2021	Yes
Israa Kanfoud Start: July 12, 2018	Treasurer	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2021	Yes
Jon Fowler Start: July 12, 2018	Member	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2021	Yes

Call to Order: (~2 min)

Bill Kroll

- Bill Kroll called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Mission Statement: Endeavor Charter School’s mission is to engage K-8 students by integrating a challenging, hands-on academic program with multi-faceted fine arts courses in a familial environment.
- Vision 2018: Endeavor Charter School’s vision is a community of educators and families working together to graduate students who are motivated and curious, capable and confident, and prepared to make a positive impact on the world around them.

Approval of Agenda:

Tracy DeMarco

- Tracy DeMarco moved to approve the February 4, 2020 Agenda. Jon Fowler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:**Tracy DeMarco**

- Tracy DeMarco moved to approve the January 7, 2019 Minutes. Jon Fowler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

PAWS Update:**Mary Beth Roberson**

- The PAWS Scrip ordering window opened today with a focus on Valentine's Day and will close on Friday, February 7th, to guarantee delivery by Wednesday, February 12th.
- Terracycle will take place on the morning of Thursday, February 6th, during carpool. More pieces of the program are being cut (cereal bags), and Planet Green is no longer accepting e-waste (cell phones, ebooks, calculators, tablets, etc).
- Lend a PAW was a success. PAWS heard positive feedback from teachers on the group's effort to clean cubbies. The next Lend a PAW will take place on April 19th.
- The next Cultural Arts performance will take place on Monday, February 10th. The program—Poetry Alive—will be performed for the entire school, and the performing group will hold workshops for 6th grade.
- Yearbook sales have been extended until Friday, February 7th. PAWS' goal is to have everything ready to go to print before track out.
- Tonight, PAWS is hosting a social event at Milton's in Wakefield. The next social event will take place on March 4th at Moe's. PAWS is also exploring options for a Middle School social event at Escape room for the afternoon of March 4th.
- PAWS will hold a Meet and Mingle Thursday, February 13th at 9 a.m.
- The PAWS Hospitality Committee held a salad and baked potato luncheon today for the staff. PAWS also sponsored a staff appreciation today for which the group stocked classrooms with supplies. Finally, PAWS will host a treat for the staff on Monday, February 8th.
- The Book Fair will take place March 9th–13th. On Monday, March 8th, the kids and teachers will make their wish list, and the Book Fair will be open during the day Tuesday-Friday morning.
- Art Show family night will take place Thursday, March 12th from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. This year's theme is "Around the World," and the Show will include activities from different countries. Art will be available for purchase and pizza will be available for dinner in lieu of food trucks. PAWS will offer a pre-order for art and pizza in late February.

Foundation Board:**Bill Kroll**

- Bill Kroll reported that the Foundation Board, Christi, and several Board members participated in tours of Envision and Youngsville Charter School, both of which are facilities designed and constructed by BCCG, the design-build firm hired for the proposed ECS expansion.
- The Board, with input from ECS Administration, prepared and shared a wish list for the new space with BCCG, and BCCG in turn shared a few preliminary design options. The group met with BCCG on January 29th to discuss needed revisions to the design. The Board expects to receive a cost estimate from BCCG later this week.

Committee Updates:

- **Finance Committee** **Israa Kanfoud**
 - Israa Kanfoud reported that there is no update to the monthly financials as we do not yet have reports for January.
 - In addition, Israa Kanfoud reported that the School received a gift in the form of stock valued at \$2000. The stock is currently being held in the School's BBVA account 0148. However, no member of the Board is currently authorized to move funds to/from that account. That authority remains designated to former Board Treasurer Kristy McLure, and any update to such authority requires Board approval. **Accordingly, Israa Kanfoud moved to grant Bill Kroll and Israa Kanfoud authority to transact business through the School's BBVA account and to remove any such authority from any non-Board member. Jaclyn Parks seconded, Nick Cerullo abstained, and the motion passed unanimously.**
 - Israa Kanfoud next moved to approve automatic electronic transfers for School's MetLife account. Nick Cerullo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Governance Committee** **Tracy DeMarco**
 - Jon Fowler reported that the School has elected to obtain a cyber liability insurance policy. After researching several policies and discussing with Ralph Whitehurst of Triangle Strategic Advisors, Jon recommended that the School purchase a \$1 million policy that will cost the school just \$2,067 per year. Although this number is technically below the threshold requiring a Board vote, the Board agreed to vote on the policy to show its support for the purchase. Accordingly, Jon Fowler moved to approve purchase of the \$1 million cyber liability insurance policy. Nick Cerullo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Resource Development Committee** **Nick Cerullo**
 - Nick Cerullo reported that the Resource Development Committee is planning a parents-only fundraising event and is in the process of selecting a venue and date for the event. More information will be forthcoming once those plans are finalized.
 - The Committee is also preparing a communication plan for informing the ECS community of the Board's long-term strategic plan.
 - Finally, the Committee discussed some potential improvements to the School's website.

Director's Update:

Christi Whiteside

- Christi Whiteside reported that the boys' basketball team won the regular season and entered this week's tournament in 1st place. The girls' basketball team enters the tournament in 2nd place.
- On Friday, ECS was only 300 cans short of its 4000 goal for the Souper Bowl, so collection was extended through Monday. Final collection total was approx. 4700 cans!
- Susan White provided a parent talk on the Joys of Parenting amidst technology, high pressure, etc.

- The second middle school dance of the year is this Friday, February 5th.
- Hundreds of middle school students from across the district competed for spots in the All District Honor Band this weekend. Students worked hard to prepare audition music and perform in front of a panel of judges. One of our students placed 8th on the trombone earning her a spot in the top symphonic band. We were the only charter school who had students qualify and make it into all district this year!
- Our Math Counts team competes this weekend.
- Mrs. Clemmons has returned to her former role as 7/8 Science teacher. The transition was smooth and parents and students seem happy.
- Today we had an early release day.
- Finally, Christi Whiteside reported that the boys' tennis team needs three more members to field team. The School has three options to address the shortage of players: (1) cancel the season; (2) invite girls to the team; or (3) invite 5th grade boys to the team. The Board advised extending an invitation to 5th grade boys. an cancel season,

Closed Session:

- Bill Kroll moved to go into closed session at 7:28 p.m. pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.11(a). Israa Kanfoud seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Bill Kroll moved to go into open session at 8:20 p.m. Jon Fowler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Bill Kroll

- Bill Kroll moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Nick Cerullo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.