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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:

February 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Location: Conference Room

Board Members in attendance: Anthony Beasley | Joel Achtenberg | Kristy Carstensen | Julien Couilloud | Sysco Deuanephenh | Liz Fathman | Terrence Harris | Pat Hurst | Laura Jenks | Jamila Owens-Todd | Leslie Peters | Donna Smith

Staff Members: Christie Huck | Nicole Evans | David Blank | Debra Fox | A. Faybra Hemphill | Bob Sweeny

- I. Welcome and Call to Order – **Anthony Beasley, Chair**
- II. Introductions and Public Comment - None
- III. Approval of Agenda +* - **Accepted with revisions**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from December 2016 Meeting +* - **Approved by unanimous vote**
- V. Montessori Moment – **Pat Hurst**
- VI. Committee Report
 - a. Building and Grounds – **David Blank +**
 - i. LEED – The committee is weighing the benefit of continuing to pursue certification. It would be at the lowest tier, and its completion may not be as meaningful as it was in 2012.
 - ii. Facility planning – Final meetings with stakeholders are taking place this month.
 - iii. Server is on its last legs and needs to be replaced
- VII. Administrator Reports
 - a. School Updates: **Nicole Evans**
 - i. Principal's Report +
 - Looking forward to next Friday's accountability meeting with teachers, where the group will review the results of the Customized Learning Plans for each student.
 - NWEA
 - Fall scores for math and reading and Winter scores for reading were shared, and results show improvement with time.
 - Fall science and language, and Winter math, science and language scores will be available later this month.
 - ii. School Dashboard
 - There was an adjustment to the reporting of Discipline Referrals in the summary chart. We are now using per incident to reflect the percentages by demographic.
 - b. Organizational Updates: **Christie Huck**
 - i. Executive Director's Report +
 - i3 Grant – City Garden was not selected to receive the grant.
 - Pahara-Aspen Education Fellowship - Christie is looking forward to the upcoming cohort in Albuquerque, especially about the broader network to which City Garden will be exposed.

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- A request was made to the board to help us maximize the benefit of this year's upcoming Gala by inviting individuals, identifying potential sponsors and assisting with auction items.

VIII. Committee Reports (con't)

a. ABAR – **Faybra Hemphill +**

- i. The committee is discussing whether City Garden should move forward to develop a Transformation Team with Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training.
- ii. The staff ABAR committees are going well.
- iii. The committee will be working with the Coalition for Neighborhood Diversity and Housing Justice to strategize about neighborhoods
- iv. Claire will join the Governance committee at their April meeting

b. Development – **Liz Fathman +**

- i. Reviewed December Development Report
- ii. Gala – The board asked for a one pager with Gala sponsorship info. Bob will send.

c. Governance – **Laura Jenks +**

- i. Governance Work Plan and participants in each area have been established.
- ii. There is no update on charter sponsorship. The board requested an update at the April meeting.
- iii. Donna Smith was nominated for board membership + * - **Approved by unanimous vote**
- iv. We are holding off on making the Coalition for Neighborhood Diversity and Housing Justice a board committee. The group will provide periodic updates to the Governance committee for now.

d. Finance – **Kristy Carstensen**

- i. November Financials + * - **Approved by unanimous vote**
- ii. December Financials + * - **Approved by unanimous vote**
- iii. January Budget Revisions + * - **Approved by unanimous vote**
- iv. The committee recommends that City Garden move our banking from Commerce Bank to Reliance Bank. - **Approved by unanimous vote**

IX. Executive Director Goals and Evaluation – **Anthony Beasley**

- a. Christie has requested 6 weeks between now and the end of the FY for planning and writing City Garden's plan for closing education gaps and our charter renewal document, which will include City Garden's strategic plan for the next ten years.
- b. The board approved the request.

X. Strategic Planning Update – **Leslie Peters and Christie Huck**

XI. Action Items - **Anthony Beasley**

XII. Questions and Comments

XIII. No Closed Session

XIV. Adjournment * - 8:37pm

Visitors: Martha McGeehon

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