

Dreamers Academy

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Founding Board Meeting Notes

Thursday, March 7, 2019 @ 1:00 pm

Conference Call Agenda Mobile Tap: 312-768-6801, 0170599#

1. Opening Session – Introduction of the Governing Board Candidates

- Deacon Humberto Alvia (not in attendance)
- Jim Delgado, Esq. (introduced by R. Zickafoose)

- a) Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum and Proper Notice – T. Chaffee called to order
- b) Agenda – Approval of Agenda - Motion made by D. Kennedy, second by T. Chaffee. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments – Steve Zickafoose – Stated, It is critical to finalize a location in March to open this year. We have had a lot of outreach from parents and educators. The energy in public and in media has been phenomenal. Professional development to move us forward will be fall behind. We may also have to reapply for the DOE grant which will be a hit for our school. We must open in 2019-2020.

Geri Chaffee – Agreed, she discussed having an NBC interview which was postponed from March 11 until a location is secured. Visible Men did not secure their spot until mid-March. We also have support from Building Hope.

3. Reports

Principal's Report

- a) *Contract Update* – Copies were made and are ready for delivery to all governing board members (includes current candidates). - Contract was distributed to all board members to include board candidates. A. Weidner's was mailed and should receive it soon.
- b) *Charter School Program Grant Update* – DOE has slashed funds on our planning requests. They want to ensure that we are going to open 2019-2020 school year (approximately \$6,530). Grant has been Approved! This will help us have everything we need to open (furniture, computers, curriculum, etc.)
- c) *Policy Manual* – Thank you for your feedback! Working on final edits and alignment of Table of Contents, then off to Mr. McLain for review. Policy Manual needs clarification on administrator executives – recommendation to just remove language – T. Chaffee. Cristina Crosisnick (Sp?) to possibly review policy manual referred by J. Delgado.

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- d) *Information Sessions* – Teacher & Parent information sessions - Info sessions will continue as planned. A slight bump occurred when working with the district due to insurance coverage. Looking into SMA and United Way for potential space.

Facilities Report – Updates (T. Chaffee & G. Chaffee)

- a) Progress Update – G. Chaffee- District said no to utilize district location.
- D. Kennedy has a meeting with The Pines, a possibility of 50/50 or 60/40 chance this may work. Very hopeful.
 - Location near Proctor and McIntosh is a possibility, it was off the table due to location, but could be used as a last resort.
 - We need location in order to be able to tap into resources and meet with district people.
 - G. Chaffee meeting with Bishop, 10 acres north of St. Jude not for 2019 open but future option.

4. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes from Board Mtg. Thursday, February 21, 2019. – Motion made by D. Kennedy, second made by A. Weidner. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Discussions/Actions

Old Business: Accounting Business to be conversation with A. Weidner. Tax-exempt number application has been made – Tom holding off on all accounting business until the end of April.

New Business:

- a) Recognition of Geri Chaffee as founder of Dreamers Academy – Motion made by D. Kennedy, second by A. Weidner. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) A. Weidner arriving on 3/18 – Recommendation for a face-to-face meeting so everyone can meet each other. Location and time to be sent out.

6. Board Comments

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019 @1:00 pm (This is during Spring Break).

Attachments:

None.

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Governing Board Member Process reminder:

Monday, January 7	Names, email and physical addresses of potential governing board to T. Chaffee
Week of January 7 - 11	Send out invitation and application packet to consist of: (can these be electronic documents?) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Board Member Application (draft attached)- Charter documents- School goals sheet (attachment FF6)- Dreamers Teaser or Brochure
Friday, February 1	All applications due back to T. Chaffee on or before
February (dates TBD)	Board to review applications and set-up interviews
March (date TBD)	Governance training (part of CSP Stage II grant)
Monday, March 25	Official reconstitution of Dreamers Academy Board