



BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MEETING 12/08/2020 5:00PM

Present: Brett Parrott, President
Shubham Pandey, Superintendent
Sonya Gracy, PEIMS, HR
Shannon Houston, PTECH
Victoria White, Board Member
Brian Hogan, Board Member
Betty Hastings, Principal Royse City
Bubba Finnell Jr., Not in attendance

I. Meeting called to order at 5:10pm

- a. Parrott asked - How many board members do you have?
Shubham answered - we have four a quorum, one is missing tonight.
- b. Ms. Hastings volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.

II. Decembers Minutes were approved.

III. Superintendent Report, North Dallas, and Construction updates –

- a. **North Dallas Campus** – 1st Phase Renovation this summer May to end of July. Just moving walls to enlarge classrooms. Eight to ten classrooms. Having inspection done. No asbestos was found. All inspections went well. Need numbers up, due to COVID-19 did not expect numbers to be as low as they were. 2nd Phase – 3rd year approach for North Dallas to offer space for Richland College short term occupancy.
- b. **Greenville Campus** –The Admin & Gym buildings are finished. Portables have been installed. Construction is still going on in the classroom building. About a month behind. The education building should be complete by June or July.

- c. **Fate building** – Gym is finished. Two Phases - Classrooms. Jan. 4th we will occupy the Gym area. Students will no longer attend the Fulton location. The city required us to change the plans and add two storms shelters. The Storm shelters are being built. June or July should be completed. Except for some minor renovations. In the future, all the campuses being built will have storm shelters. Fate is growing.
- d. **Mesquite Oates**- The Gym is done. They are using it. The whole campus looks like one campus. Kofi took pictures of the campuses and uploaded them to FB and our web site.
- e.

IV. 2021-22 Enrollment and Planning Sonya Gracy

- a. We have six campuses. This week open enrollment for the school year 2021- 22 begins and ends January 31st. When there are more students enrolling in a grade, then openings, A lottery will take place for that grade. If there is not a lottery, parents will be notified by February 1st. We will be sending out flyers to the different communities, posting on our web site, FB, and other social media sites.
- b. Intent to return forms to existing students will go out in January and be returned by January 22nd. All information will be gathered from the campuses on January 29th These are for students in Skyward. Campuses will be working diligently to collect these forms.
- c. We will have sure numbers to present to the board in February.
- d. North Dallas - projected to receive 400 students our goal for next year is 800.
- e. Mesquite Oats - almost full 650 projected number is 750 for next year.
- f. Mesquite Beltline - is completely full of 300 students.
- g. Royse City – Almost full 192 projected for next year 275 students
- h. Fate – has a little over 100 students projected growth next year is 400 students.
- i. All principals, district personnel, will work hard for growth to happen next year.

- V. Victory White asked the question – Are we doing anything special to help with the growth? Flyers, Social Media, Advertising, Public list, Mail outs to a 50-mile radius of each campus

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VI. PTECH Planning & College Planning Partnerships

- 1. Discussions with DCCCD, now Dallas College after their "all Campus Merge." Dallas College has required the following for our Partnership going forward, beginning August 2021:

- a. Dallas College will no longer service PTAA/Greenville Campus due to the distance from our Campus to Richland College (50 miles). Dallas College will assist in a smooth transition with the new IHE Partner.
 - b. Dallas College has asked that we only have 2 Pathways in our PTECH programs: Software Designer/Programmer and Network Administration.
 - c. PTAA will change model from 100% PTECH to School within a School Model and offer students the choice of PTECH Pathway or taking dual credit courses through a Comprehensive Dual Credit Agreement with Dallas College working toward Core Complete (Associates of Science, previously defined as "Pre-Med/Pre-Dental")
 - d. Dallas College suggested a Compression Meeting which would include PTAA Administration, Dallas College and Sharp USA Industry Partner.
2. We are working with IBM through our connection with PTECH.org Global Network (3 PTAA Campuses are a part of this Global Network of 220 schools):
- a. IBM is offering a summer 2021 virtual internship and has met with PTAA Leadership Team to explain the program as well as the requirements to apply.
 - b. IBM has held a virtual training session with STEM teachers from PTAA Mesquite Oates, Fate and Greenville for the OPEN PTECH learning platform. This is free online learning platform on industry leading technologies and professional skills of tomorrow. PTAA students will be rostered and able to complete courses and earn IBM recognized badges such as: Professional Skills, Cybersecurity, IOT and more.
3. PTAA was also approached by HCL Technologies for Internship opportunities for 2021 summer from their Frisco Office. This is a great connection, but we did not have any students that would qualify for the opportunity this year. This connection also came from our PTECH.org Global Network affiliation.

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VII. Distant Learning Updates

- a. We use Odysseyware for the elementary and Edgenuity for middle and high school students to use when they are online.

- b. When students have encountered Covid-19, have COVID-19, or parents are just concerned for health issues those students can use the asynchronous learning.
- c. Moving forward once COVID-19 is over students can still use the online learning.
- d. We are hoping all students will come back in February from online learning however, we will still provide online learning for those who need it. We are noticing students with severe illnesses, they like the convenience of the online model. This has been a major benefit for them in their learning. They can log in and still feel they are a part of the classroom. Instead of making up days as well as homework.
- e. We are applying for distant learning to receive funding.
- f. The biggest concern is that teachers are doing double the work remote and in the classroom. Cannot keep the campuses open all the time.
- g. Sonya stated: North Dallas, Royse City and Beltline working as normal no cases reported. Greenville had to shut down 2nd grade and Kindergarten and go virtual for a couple of weeks due to COVID-19. Fate online due to several members testing positive for COVID-19 through contact tracing. Mesquite Oats campus is online.
- h. Greenville – a kindergarten student went into the ICU Dec. 7th COVID-19 breathing issues. Contact tracing
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VIII. Shubham the Budget – See spread sheet attachment. Shubham showed the board the numbers. There was an amendment on the technology due to students beginning online and the use of technology in the classroom and hot spots.

- a. Data processing took a big hit with hot spots, cost of computers during the COVID-19 time. We remain positive The Board agrees.
- b. PPCP Grant – TEA compensated 50% - we received a smaller proportion - TEA went off last year's numbers that is why we only received 50%.
- c. Still waiting on computers and 230 laptops

IX. The Board approved the PTAA Amended Budget.

X. General Public Comments

XI. Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Hastings, M. ED