

**DuBois Integrity Academy
Governance Board Meeting
749 Main Street, Riverdale, Georgia 30274
Multi-Purpose Room
Tuesday, March 21st, 2023
6:30pm**

Minutes

Roll Call Atty. Mack, Mrs. Ross, Col. Morris, Mr. Culver, Mr. Merritt, Ms. Lewis

Meeting Called to Order 6:34pm

Approval of Agenda: Atty. Mack motioned to approve Revised Agenda seconded by Mrs. Ross (carried unanimously)

Approval of Previous Minutes: Atty. Mack motioned to approve previous minutes seconded by Mrs. Ross (carried unanimously)

Financial Report- CFO Felicia Johnson reviewed the financial report.

Executive Director/Principal Report

1. Academic Update- began Saturday school last Saturday, we will have 4 Saturday school sessions. We had a good turnout. GMAS practice testing tomorrow. Spring testing for MAP will be next week. RIT is taking place daily to help close gaps.

2. GMAS Testing Preparations

3. Title/Federal Programs Cross-Monitoring Update- Mr. Cason reviewed the cross-monitoring visit and the results. There will be an action plan put together to address the findings. Dr. Payne mentioned how the cross-monitoring staff were very helpful with assisting us in what documents needed to be uploaded. Mrs. Ware expressed how the GaDoe department was very supportive, and it was a humbling experience. It was a challenging experience.

4. Black History Program Report- Mr. Cason spoke about the program and how the parents represented it very well. Mr. Scott spoke about the band performance for 5th-7th graders. Mr. Jones spoke about the awesome performances from all K-4th grade students. Parents of DIA have always come out to support the scholars. Kudos to Mr. Beresford and Connections team for such an awesome job! Dr. Payne spoke about the Living Wax Museum that the 5th graders did.

5. **FY 2024 Budget Preparations-** Mr. Cason reported that open public hearings will be held in April and May for FY2023 Budget Amendment and FY2024 Budget.


6. **FY 2024 Enrollment Lottery Update-** Mr. Cason spoke about the lottery admitted 200, our expected enrollment should be 1420. Dr. Payne and Mr. Scott spoke about the task of recruiting certified teachers for 8th grade.

7. **School Operations/Facilities & Security Update-** Mr. Cason reviewed the architectural layouts for the building and bridge being added to the Main Street campus. He also reviewed the modular village that will be added to the West Fayetteville campus for 4th and 5th grade by this Fall. Church Street Campus will house K-3rd, and they will be getting a playground and library added by this Fall.

Old Business

Action Items

- **Adopt FY 2024 Calendar** Mr. Culver motioned to approve the calendar seconded by Ms. Lewis (carried unanimously)
- **Authorize Executive Director to Sign & Receive GEER II Grant for Future Replication-** from State Charter School Association, motioned to approve grant seconded by Ms. Lewis (carried unanimously)

 **Public Comments (3 minutes per person)-** Mr. Price (DIA teacher) spoke about being Thankful for Dr. Payne and Mr. Cason for pushing him to get to the position he has now. Mr. Cason stated that there is no perfect school, there will be challenges, but how we come through those challenges matter. We have to ensure we support our parents and address their needs. Ms. Taylor (DIA teacher) spoke on how far DIA has come and her excitement to be apart.

 **Board Questions & Comments** Col. Morris spoke and gave Thanks to the leadership team and staff.

 **Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm**