



TWO RIVERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 19, 2022

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Husser called the April 19th Meeting of the Two Rivers Board of Trustees to order at 6:09 PM via Zoom. Secretary Schlam opened the meeting by explaining that the meeting would be held per the Open Meetings Act and recorded.

Roll Call

Board Members

Aswathi Zachariah, Chair	Absent
Malik Husser, Vice Chair	Present
Eli Schlam, Secretary	Present
Saumil Shah, Treasurer	Present
Jenny Bradbury, Trustee	Present
Kimberly Eddings, Trustee	Absent
John Phillips, Trustee	Absent
Derek Pierce, Trustee	Present
Ahna Smith, Trustee	Present
Matthew Steenhoek, Trustee	Absent
Penelope Thornton Talley, Trustee	Absent
Theo Thompson, Trustee	Present
Kristina Kyles-Smith, Executive Director and Ex Officio	Present

Others Present

Kenneth McCants-Pearsall, Chief Academic Officer
Aurora Steinle, Chief of Staff
Gail Williams, Chief Operating Officer
Michelle Kimso, Executive Assistant
Michael Murphy, Attorney

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Kyles-Smith started by sharing that Two Rivers is working towards reviving traditions. One such example is the revival of Mandatory Fun Day on April 6th. Chair Zachariah, Secretary Schlam, Trustee Bradbury, and Trustee Pierce all led events during the event, which was the first time all staff had been physically together in one space in about two years. Currently, Network Leadership is engaged in SY 22-23 planning and working on getting staff feedback to

inform several different decisions. Finally, Executive Director Kyles-Smith is working on completing goals for the coming year aligned with equitable outcomes.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Secretary Schlam proposed amending the agenda to include a Closed Session under Open Meetings Act D.C. Code Section 2-575(b)(4)(A) to consult with counsel and obtain legal advice. The Closed Session would take place following the committee reports.

The Board unanimously voted to amend the agenda to include the Closed Session.

Board Committee Reports

Governance Committee

Secretary Schlam shared that the Governance Committee is focused on recruiting new board members and has received one candidate thus far. He encouraged Trustees to continue recruiting through their networks.

Finance Committee

Trustee Shah shared the planning process for the budget. There is a revenue increase of 5.9% UPSSF increase. The other revenue increase will come from the final year of increasing the Middle School by 6% enrollment. The budget for FY 23 is expected to meet expectations. The current draft budget for FY24 and FY25 needs further review to ensure that they are sustainable.. The Two Rivers team is working to build a more sustainable budget. Executive Director Kyles-Smith shared that they are working to understand the Middle School model, specifically the differences in what was set forth in the budget vs. what is currently stated as needs. The Two Rivers leadership team is committed to building a budget that showcases long-term sustainability.

Development Committee

Executive Director Kyles-Smith shared that the gala was held in person and had approximately 213 people in attendance. Over \$100,000 was raised at the gala, and roughly \$15,000 came from the raffle. The team is now closing out the final tasks from the gala, budgeting for next year, and continuing the process of onboarding new staff.

Academic Excellence Committee

Chief Academic Officer McCants-Pearsall shared the Annual Spring Academic Update, which is based on winter benchmarks. In Math data, there was a decline from the fall, however, the decline was less than the previous year. 46% of students met their growth goal, up 6% from last year. The percentage of PS and PK students at or above benchmark increased for almost every subgroup in math. The MAP data for math indicates a slight decline in the last two years over winter testing. The biggest gain in MAP data was with 7th graders, at 2% from last year. The most significant gap is the 3rd, 5th, and 8th-grade cohorts from the previous year. In MAP reading data, there was a decline from the fall of 4% this year compared to 7% last year. The percentage of ECE students at or above benchmark in Phonological Awareness increased for every group of students except SPED. However, 75% of ECE SPED students were at or above proficiency. 57% of students are meeting or

exceeding expectations for oral reading fluency. Successes since January include the new content director structure, phonological awareness in ECE, Skills Block implementation in K-2, and math proficiency on Bridges units.

The Board of Trustees discussed concerns about SPED student achievement data. One of the contributing factors is SPED staffing challenges. Tutoring hours will be offered as comp-ed. Trustees encouraged staff to include academic goals, seek partnerships with human support, and report on the three dimensions of learning.

Closed Session

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to move to Closed Session under Open Meetings Act D.C. Code Section 2-575(b)(4)(A) to consult with counsel and obtain legal advice.

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to move to Open Session.

Adjournment

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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Secretary