

I. Call to Order

5:41 p.m.

H. Kleiner, S. Pinkelman, P. Willis, L. Summers in attendance

J. Adams and C. McBride in attendance

S. Finley from Red Apple also in attendance

II. Past Minutes

We did not review November minutes, as the BRCS Governing Board secretary is absent.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Financial Update from Red Apple

Two students left the school this past month. First large chunk of TSSA funds came through. We are still receiving funds from the counselor grant, even though we should not be. Steve indicated that we have told the funder, but we continue to receive funds.

House behind the building is for sale at 270k. We are considering purchasing to build green space. Steve indicated that we would likely be ok with this cost; it's worth looking into. We could consider an earnest money purchase while we are gathering more information. The board agrees that it is worth pursuing, as it will add great value to the school. Kleiner will talk with a friend who is a real estate agent about how this might be an option. Adams indicated that the owners do not want to go through a real estate agent.

V. Parent Election

Vouvalis not in attendance to provide update, so will await an update re: the parent election for a rep for the rest of this year. Mindy will no longer serve as the parent rep given her new position.

VI. Middle School Trip

Consider adding a trip in the fall, as discussed in previous meetings. We could also move the spring trip to the fall. There are two questions related to this issue: (1) should we do two trips, and (2) should one of the two trips be a smaller/more low-key trip.

Canyonlands as an option: 5 nights 6 days river rafting in September for \$700. Currently the spring trip is \$510, but is one day shorter than this potential trip at Canyonlands. They need a deposit of \$3500 ASAP (wanted it on June 29th). Cynthia will call to see if there are other options for length, price, hard deadline for deposit, etc.

One potential challenge for fall trip is fundraising; would need to do this over the summer. We provide scholarships for approx. 4 families/year. For those that pay for the trip in installments, this will be different as they will be paying after the fall trip as opposed to throughout the school year for the spring trip. Cynthia thinks that the two trips might be difficult for families in terms of price, particularly in the first year.

VII. Rise Scores Review

Adams indicated that there is limited information in Data Gateway currently, as they are still updating. Comparing across years is challenging as the test has changed twice and will be changing again. Adams indicated that we are doing everything we can to prepare students for the tests. The data from last year are questionable due to a variety of issues (errors in testing protocol, etc.), so it may not be wise to use these data for decision-making—board members agreed.

The board had a discussion around using data for continual improvement. What are some questions that the board is interested in and what data are needed to answer these questions? We could consider building an internal database and query system for us to use internally to answer some of these questions.

VIII. Closed Session (If Necessary)

No closed session

IX. Other Business

None

X. Adjournment

7:16 p.m.