

**Lerner Jewish Community Day School**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

**In attendance:** Christy Brooks, Sally Brown, Jonathan Dayan, Hollis Gauss, Norma Gindes, Richard Goldberg, Etan Gumerman, Elyza Halev, Andrew Janiak, Tal Lewin-Wittle, Jon Lovins, Grace Marion, Allison Oakes, Phil Seib, Marlo Wilcox, Kathryn Wolf

**Absences:** Norah Goldman

- I. Welcome 10 minutes
  - A. Housekeeping - Federation still working on pledge cards for Reduce the Debt; make sure you're signed up for Dropbox for collaboration
  - B. D'var Torah: Richard shares reflections regarding civil rights and parallels between the Exodus from Egypt and Selma.
  
- II. Mid-year finance report from Etan and Business Manager on February agenda
  
- III. HOS Report - Allison
  - A. MLK Day of Service at Lerner - come in front door & assigned to volunteer spot; with
  - B. Recruitment and Admissions update in Dropbox
    1. on target with tuition setting from the fall
    2. tuition information went out in December
    3. re-enrollment mid-February
      - a) not hearing from parents regarding tuition hike
      - b) exit interviews
  - C. Follow-up from VIP Day - no negative feedback regarding date change, though people RSVPed "no" because of the date
    1. discussion ensues regarding envelopes, etc.
  - D. Moving Up Day/Parent Sneak-a-Peek
  - E. Tu B'Shevat environmental day
  - F. NewKind update - website template chosen, end of February launch date
  - G. Trial date changed to end of February, tentatively
  
- IV. Opportunity Scholarship (OS): Voucher discussion: read, 1 minute per Board member to share, ask for motion to vote or not to vote
  - A. Lerner may not charge additional tuition above
  - B. Most information came from local HOS locally
  - C. Points of information
    1. operations vs. policy
    2. do not require opportunity scholarship to pay more, but can charge tuition (minus TADS?) and minus opportunity scholarship
  - D. Deadline for families to apply March 1st
  - E. Families can be required to pay up to tuition (with \$4200 OS)
  - F. Order of Events - 1st TADS; voucher notification by late March
    1. parents sign agreement prior to OS notification (by our own timeline)
  - G. OS are not guaranteed, not an unlimited amount of money available
  - H. Reporting and Testing requirements
    1. most we already do

- 2. the most stringent requirements are when 25 students in school
- I. 1 minute shares around the room
- J. Katherine moves to vote to accept vouchers for the 2016-17 school year; Jonathan seconds
  - 1. Friendly amendment proposed by Jonathan for families to retract their contract; amendment denied by Katherine
  - 2. Vote by ballot: 11 NO, 3 YES, 1 ABSTAIN
  - 3. Motion does not pass
  
- V. Security Committee Update - Katherine
  - A. Meeting on January 7th
  - B. Concerns in every area, based on information shared by Lerner, Allison, staff, etc.
  - C. Communications with other schools in area
  - D. List of recommendations with quick fixes by 2/2
    - 1. if operational/maintenance, depending on cost, can go to Allison
    - 2. if policy changes or needing to go to reserves, would need to go to Board
  - E. Timeline shared, needs to be shared with HOS and Board president (bids go to Business Manager)
  - F. Original Charge: to beef up security at Lerner and JCC
  - G. Committee: Jonathan Dayan, Allison Oakes, Gabe Liberty, Jill Madsen, Jon Bellman, Katherine Wolf, Hollis Gauss, Jeremy Browner
    - 1. free assessment offered 1/20
  - H. Last year FBI and District 3 conducted audits; FBI wasn't written up, District 3 report was shared with Committee
  - I. Email questions to Katherine and Hollis; Hollis will keep a running record of all questions
  
- VI. Strategic Planning
  - A. 1 year left, working with Morris Wallack - spearheading process for us to start next month and end by January 2017 (reaccreditation and fits in budget cycle)
  - B. Board is responsible for Strategic Plan, but is not the Strategic Planning Committee (8-10 people with Board and non-Board members); Board is consulted (as will be the teachers, staff, etc.)
    - 1. smart & thoughtful person
    - 2. significant time commitment (6 hour chunks on a Sunday)
  
- VII. Development Update
  - A. phone solicitations (past donors who haven't donated yet) requested from Rachel; can get names from Rachel
  - B. Thank you phone calls, list given from Hollis
  - C. Ask Rachel if email solicitation is appropriate
  - D. Already reached Generations milestone goal (exceeded)
  
- VIII. Adjourn - meeting ended at 8:15pm

*Minutes taken by Christy Brooks, Secretary*

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 6:30-8:30PM at Levin JCC Israel Center