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| **February 2021 Board Meeting**  **Date: February 23, 2021.**  **Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM.**  **Location: Virtual meeting via https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6860318723.** |



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| **Board Members in Attendance:** | **Absent Board Members:** | **Other Attendees:** |
| *Geraldo Vasquez*  *Tameka Beckford-Young*  *Matthew Kirby-Smith*  *Marlin Jenkins* | *Raghav Thapar* | * Erienne Rojas * Derian * Francesca Lujan * Collin Thompson * Ms.Mckeough * T. Waller * Bryson Wilson, * Janneth Goana * Brad Blosser * Shanieka Descartes * Alicia Padilla * Shanell Sharpe * Ms.Okeh |

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| Lead | Scheduled Time/ Actual time | Agenda Item |
| Gerry | 6:30/ 6:40 | Call to order |
| Gerry | 6:30-6:40 / 7:45-7:55 | Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes  • Nov 2020 Board Meeting Unanimously approved  • Jan 2021 Board Meeting Unanimously approved   * Add to these minutes the cap of $6,000 towards HOS mentorship proposal   • July 2020 – Oct 2020 and Dec 2020 Board Meetings   * Forthcoming and website update is required |
| Gerry/ Derian (Edtec) | 6:40-7:00/ 6:45 | Finance and Facilities Committee Report  • January 2021 Financial Results         * Cash on hand as of Jan 31st was $1.7 M, currently at $1.9 M * Other assets include Garrison security deposit (facility) * The long-term liabilities are reflected in the PPP Loan   • PPP Forgiveness Update   * Application has been submitted should hear back soon   • “Friend of….” Board Analysis Review |
| Gerry | 7:00-7:30/ 7:55-8:06 | Review and Vote:  • 2019 990 Unanimously approved   * Not flagged with any problems ready for submission   • DASA: Dignity for All Student Acts Policy Unanimously approved   * The lawyers gave the go ahead that liability for this will not be falling on the school, and that having such a policy sets the standard for equality amongst studnets   • Update Board Bylaws (from 7 members to 5 members) Unanimously approved |
| Francesca | 7:30-7:50/ 7:10-7:45 | Management Report  • February 2021 Update   * The Office of Special Education refused to pay for some of our Special Education services.  Because of this, we were short $90,000 for the Fall Semester.  Our school schedule has been changed to rectify this problem. Our day is now from 8:00 and ends at 3:00 on Monday - Thursday and 9:55 -2:00 on Friday. * Mock exams to stimulate state testing (which hasn’t been decided yet) will be happenin in March students will be on the building in staggered waves to take exams to monitor progress   • Reopening Plan Update   * Dep of education hasn’t given any solid outline as it if schools will be reopening in the Fall of 21   + But there is a plan to have both distanced and in person learning that is being figured out with the schools administrators   + Hopefully students and teachers will all be vaccinated which would give a little bit more leeway with how many students can be in the building   • Sharpe Mind App Update   * Board would like a written proposal of cost benefit analysis of this app and its competitors * Needs more time to vote on this item and approve * App Enrollment: Sharpe-Mindset: $3,499 (Less than $15.00 per student a year) * Other Curricula:   + Respectful Ways: $249 per lesson sold separately. Over 10 month school period $50,000 lifetime buy   + Second Step: $2,749.00 + 500 for kit (sold separately). NO whole school approaches   + Emozi: $500 per grade. Implementation sold separately. $10,000 per year   + Dangers of the Mind: $13,000 per year. Kit sold separately. Not digital. |
| Marlin | 7:50-8:00/ Tabeled | Enrolment and Development Committee Report  • Enrollment Update  • Development Update  • Branding Program |
| Gerry | 8:00- 8:10/ 8:06 | Governance Committee Report  • Board Changes  o Vice Chair  ▪ Tameka will serve as acting Vice Chair (this is temporary for the time being could become permeant)  o Treasurer  ▪ Gerry will serve as acting Treasurer (currently working with Derian from Edtech to keep the finance reports coming for every meeting)  o Board Member   * Currently looking for possible candidates that would be a good fit for the role more information is forthcoming   • Board Candidates Status  o 1 candidate in final phase of review  o 2 candidates under review |
| Gerry | 8:10-8:15/ 8:10 | Next Steps  • Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion   * This will count as the Annual meeting   • Approve Past Meeting Minutes   * This will be forthcoming the next few meetings and there is a backlog of minutes to be approved and eventually to be made available on the Emblaze website   • Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program  • Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer   * Will be hearing more about this in couple meetings as search for possible candiates |
| Gerry | 8:15/8:13 | Adjourned meeting |