**January 2021 Board Meeting**

**Date: January 26, 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, Board Chair*  *Tameka Beckford-Young Secretary*  *Matthew Kirby-Smith*  *Marlin Jenkins* | *Rosann Santos, Vice Chair*  *Harini Mittal, Treasurer*  *Raghav Thapar* | * Erienne Rojas * Derian * Francesca Lujan * Luis Guaman * Collin Thompson * Floribel Rodriguez * Jamie Gomez * Janneth Gaona * Jeanette Rodriguez * Markus * Ms.Hinton * Ms.McKeough * Roniare Morris * Shanell Sharpe * Stacy Chavez * Tiana Waller * Dolice Smith |

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| Lead | Scheduled/  Actual Time | Agenda item |
| Gerry | 6:30/ 6:37 | Call to order |
| Gerry | 6:30-6:40 | Gerry Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • July-Nov 2020 Board Meeting Forthcoming |
| Harini/ Derian | 6:40-7:00/ 6:40 | Finance and Facilities Committee Report  • December 2020 Financial Results       * Cash on hand December 31st was $2.2M, which currently sits at $1.9M   • PPP Forgiveness Discussion   * The PPE Loan forgiveness process is currently ongoing * The Loan is not currently categorized as revenue, it is now considered a special loan part of the covid-19 Stimulus package * Once the loan has been fully forgiven and used, the full $338k then it will be moved into the revenue column   • Facilities Update {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • 2019 990 {Tabled till next month’s meeting} |
| Francesca | 7:30-7:50/ 6:50 | Management Report  • January 2020 Update   * Enrollment is a 247, 5th grade students at 48 students, 6th grade students at 88, and 7th grade students 111   • Reopening Plan Update   * Awaiting the Department of education to give a directive related to this   Data on student improvement update (clips from the PowerPoint are attached)       * Ademic defincies according to the sates accessment:   + The proficiency datat form the 2018-2019 administration of the state grade ELA exam, Emblaze Academy’s overall perfomance is below that of NYC CSD 8, the school’s district of location, and the New York State avergae for all student as well as the English lanuage learner/multilingual learner and economically disadvataged studentpolulation of ELA   + The same is true for grade 5 math as well * Visual explanations for why this may be the case. With background in types of testing.          * Some of the board members would like the input of the state board on this data and comparisons, possibly David Frank * Another suggestion was to compare Emblaze data with other schools in the district and other Charter schools of the same size |
| Gerry | 7:00-7:30/ 7:41 | Review and Vote:  • PPP Forgiveness   * EdTech suggest that Emblaze apply for forgiveness as we are eligible * Motion to approve the application (Unanimously approved)   • 2019 990 {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • DASA: Dignity for All Student Acts Policy {Tabled till next month’s meeting}   * Copy of this policy is attached to the Management report * A copy of this should be reviewed by the boards legal counsel as to what it means legally to approve this policy * Will be voted on once boards legal counsel can explain where the liabilities of enacting the policy will fall   • Dr. Ramon Gonzalez Inc. Coaching Agreement   * This contract is attached to the management report * This is for the Head of School to get some extra coaching, a single source agreement * HoS has worked with this principal in the past, has a great track record with school administrators * Is renowned for his work in the Latino communities * He would be charging $1,500 a day or $200 an hour for coaching on a weekly basis * Motion to approve contract as is (Unanimously approved)   • Sharpe Mind App  Bellow are the features of the app in the words of its creator (she is currently teacher at Emblaze)    Features on why it is helpful to both teachers and parents especially is this covid learning environment:     * Board would like more time to evaluate the options of buying the app ouright vs just a liscene to use the program * Possibly look at other apps that currently exist and compare the rates * Board agrrees that more options need to be looked at before a decesion is made |
| Marlin | 7:50-8:00 | Enrollment and Development Committee Report {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • Enrollment Update  • Development Update  • Branding Program |
| Gerry | 8:00-8:10 | Governance Committee Report {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • Board Candidates Status  o 1 candidate in final phase of review  o 2 candidates under review |
| Gerry | 8:10-8:15 | Next Steps {Tabled till next month’s meeting}  • Virtual Board Retreat Day and Time Discussion  • Approve Past Meeting Minutes  • Develop Fundraising Approach and Branding Program  • Succession Planning – Selection of New Board Chair, Vice  Chair and Treasurer |
| Gerry | 8:15/ 8:30 | Adjournment |