



## Executive Director Update

October 25, 2021

### Attendance:

### Present:

Chris Hamilton, Chair  
Charley Foster  
Oscar Romero  
Victor Evans  
Jack Vuylsteke  
Greg Thompson, GT3 Group  
Katie Wise, GT3 Group

### Absent:

Josh Gettys  
Laquindra Killingsworth  
Syderek Watson

### 2021-2022 School Year

- Enrollment: 751
  - Backfill at semester break—goal of 6 9<sup>th</sup>, 3 10<sup>th</sup>
- CO2022 update to come in November— applications still coming in
  - 32 received a full ride to TSU!
- ESSER grant spending update— 4 assistant teachers/interventionists as well as full-time mental health counselor have come on after board approved budget; while this has created more significant spending in salaries, grant reimbursement offsets these costs and the addition of these positions has produced significant benefit to academic program, especially from increased ratio
- COVID Update— Currently, only 4/751 students out on positive case quarantine
  - as case numbers locally die down, it does feel like Rise may want to make some internal policy amendments, among them:
    - Cafeteria use
    - Internal pass policies
    - Shutdown protocols/contact tracing
- MRAHS Girls Soccer team won district championship; Girls Cross Country is advancing to regionals tomorrow, with a chance at competing at State!
- 22-23 enrollment season has begun, healthy ratios in all enrolling grades
  - Lottery end of November for 6<sup>th</sup> seats and remaining waiting lists
  - 6: 125
  - 7: 50
  - 8: 36
  - 9: 49
  - 10: 35



- Meeting with staff Wednesday to discuss, after a collective petition was taken, work-life balance and possible considerations to improving the school's model to better support teachers and students; some changes may be applied for in January charter— my goals
- HS Principal search, internally conducted at least to start, has at least two candidates internally on the current high school leadership team
  - Board requested information on internal candidates, discussed the possibility to developing a process for interviewing or otherwise meeting the candidates who elevate furthest in process
- Discussed Winter Arts event, PTO and Cafecito con Maestros—will share calendars with the board

### **Stoplight**

- Installation is complete and light is now operational! Final costs still coming in; as a reminder, all costs for stoplight being paid through recent financing project

### **Finance**

GT3 Group spoke to financial position from September financial positions and highlights. Among the topics discussed were staffing changes that impacted board approved budget (see above) and budget-to-actual considerations that, thus far, are tracking towards strong fidelity to initial board approved budget with minimal exceptions

### **Board Actions**

Chair pushed for questionnaire completion for review prior to November meeting, as well as to finalize information from 21-22 Board on Track trainings.

**Meeting Start: 6:03**

**Meeting End: 6:41**