Meeting of the LAMB Board of Directors  

6 PM, Via Zoom Conference, 19th October 2020

Board Members Present: Roxana Barillas (Chair), Suzanne Ehlers (Vice Chair), John Zakrajsek (Treasurer), ElShadey Bekele, Alan Golding, Najia Lupson, Ericka Markman, John Sanchez, Laura Slover, Renee Stikes

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Carrier (Secretary)

Staff Present: Charis Sharp (Executive Director), Brian Nielsen (CFO), Maria-Jose Carrasco (Chief of Staff)

Community Stakeholders Present: Mabel Hernandez, LAMB parent; Bill Miras, LAMB parent; and Perry Stein, reporter

Agenda

1. Roxana called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm, and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Brief introductions and roll call.

3. Laura moved to approve the agenda. Suzanne seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and Approval of Meeting Minutes
   a. Minutes
      i. September 21, 2020 meeting
      b. Moved by Suzanne, seconded by ElShadey, approved unanimously via roll call.

5. Public Comment and Question Period

6. LAMB Reports and Action Items
   a. Governance Committee
      i. Ericka reported that we reached our target of 11 board members. Members represent a broad set of skills and perspectives. The committee looks forward to continuing to strengthen the board.
      ii. Next meeting we will hold Officer elections. Board Members interested in learning more about the positions or being nominated should contact Jen or Ericka.
   b. School Performance Committee
      i. Laura reported that the committee met several times over the summer to put in place a number of indicators to judge performance: academics, culture (school climate), and educator and community engagement. The draft will be shared before the next board meeting. The committee is working with staff to develop a dashboard to move forward on this with an eye on something that is easy to understand and use. There are multiple components and each has indicators to help assess if we are meeting our targets. The committee will ask the board to assess if the matrix captures everything we need to look at. We had useful guidance from Education Board Partners and other schools.
      ii. We have enough Board members on the committee but looking to add a couple of teachers and parent representatives.
c. Finance Committee
   i. John reported that after a lot of work, we secured a bond rating and are now seeking investors. The amount of work Brian, Brad, and Charis put into this is commendable.
   ii. The bond trustee, Baird, as underwriting authority put forth bids for the underwriting role. They picked Wilmington Trust.
   iii. **VOTE:** Resolutions related to securing tax exemption for the bonds (attached). Moved by John Z., seconded by Alan, and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

d. Development Committee
   i. Renee reported that the second meeting of the Development Committee would be this Friday. The LAMB PTO presidents and part-time grant writer will join the meeting.

e. Facilities Committee
   i. Suzanne reported LAMB hosted the first LAMB Community Committee (LCC) meeting required by the BZA Order, and that Charis did a great job leading the meeting. The next LCC meeting will be in December.
   ii. The Missouri Avenue location was sold to the District of Columbia for approximately $8 million.
   iii. Although the South Dakota location is closed, LAMB is subletting space to Truth Montessori.

f. Executive Director
   i. Charis asked for questions on the submitted report and there were none.
   ii. Charis proposed creating a matrix to help LAMB decide when to open for onsite learning. Although most parents and staff were supportive of the decision to stay closed until January, a matrix would help LAMB be more transparent in the decision-making process. A taskforce will be created that includes Board Members, staff, and parents. Plan to have matrix finished by mid-November.

7. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2020 at 6pm.

8. Roxana entertained a motion to adjourn the public session and move into closed session for the reason stated in the agenda. Najia seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously through roll call vote. The public session adjourned at 7pm.

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This is a true representation of the October 19, 2020 Meeting of the LAMB Board of Directors.

Jennifer L. Carrier
Secretary, LAMB Board of Directors