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October 14, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
TIME: 5:00 PM at Conference Room Zoom

MISSION: Gateway STEM Academy is a K-8 Charter school that prepares a diverse community of students for academic success by providing an enriching and focused learning environment in science, technology, engineering and math. Our goal is to emphasize the use of technology and STEM learning for our students and to maximize individual potential to ensure students reach academic and career success. We will provide a high-quality academic environment in a 21st century school setting which creates and improves student learning, closes the achievement gap and partners directly with students and their families.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Tracey Ober, Kristin Robert, Khadija Ahmed, Kyle Knudson, Abdiaziz Farah, Samuel O'Brien, Patrick Soberg

Absent: Hassan Mohamud, Mukhtar Shariff, Ed Fellows, Mahad Ibrahim Call to order 5:05pm

A. Mission Statement of Gateway STEM Academy

B. Five Strategic Pillars that support Gateway STEM Academy: Academic Excellence, The Whole Child Approach, School Community, Personalized Learning, and No Excuse Model

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Previous Minutes

B. Previous Finance Report

C. Previous Treasurer Report

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: The School Board welcomes input from community members and staff. Each person addressing the council shall give his/her name for the record.

V. REPORTS

1. Renewal-QSR process-PUC

Ms. Robert: PUC visit November 16th and 17th to look at school progress. This is required by law for contract renewal. We understand that covid caused some issues with academics so we are working with MDE to figure that out. The QSR timeline in

November includes a visit and interviews. The site visit will include the PUC team and they will come in and walk around the school. There is the possibility for a virtual meeting. They will conduct some observations and interviews. PUC will also meet with the financial planner as well. A lot of how we write goals is very different from a few years ago, for example using MCA data. However, we still want to hold a high bar and we will navigate that together.

Mr. O'Brien: Mr. Soberg will help with the leadership review document.

Mr. Farah: Nov 1st is when we are supposed to submit the QRC document to PUC. This is pertained to school goals, finances, leadership, partners, academic data, and everything else about the school. We are concerned about the qualitative data because of Covid.

With our contract goals moving forward, we need to come together and make sure the qualitative data and academic data continues to grow.

Need some help reviewing the food service project and Gateway's public website in that it is compliant with MDE such as correct links and information.

2. QSR Application Review-Sam-TAG

Mr. O'Brien: Next steps, there may or may not be feedback from PUC about additional data, especially regarding baselines and academic data. PUC renews schools for 3 years.

Mr. Farah: Looking at 2 parents and stakeholders for the interview process.

3. Director Update

Mr. Farah: Looking at acquiring a new board chair.

4. Principal update

5. Finance Update-Presented by TAG

6.. Business Report and Approvals

1. Monthly Financial Register

Mr. O'Brien: Quick financial report. Gateway is in excellent shape. It is important that ADM stays above 200. There are still available Federal and State money due to the recovery process. Encouraging all schools to spend those funds to lessen the learning gap. The audit has wrapped up. Getting to 20% fund balance means a lot of opportunities for growth.

Mr. Farah: Overpayment adjustments from FY21 to be aware of.

2. Monthly Statements

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