

Board Meeting Minutes
KC International Academy
September 24, 2024 at 4:00pm zoom

Call to Order

The KC International Academy Board meeting was called to order by Jauqua Preston Wilkins at 4:00 pm with a quorum.

Those Governing Board Members present: Jauqua Preston Wilkins, Tanesha Thompson, Shanelle Brewster, Joycelyn Strickland-Egans, Ramsey Atieh, And Sycil Proffitt

Those Governing: Scott Swaggart

Welcome Guests

Abbigail Harkness

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jauqua Preston Wilkins to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

August 27, regular meeting minutes were approved as written.

KCIA Celebrations

- **NFL Everfi Event:** KCIA was selected by the NFL and [EVERFI](#) to host a live panel event -- which was available virtually to schools across the country -- as part of the NFL Kickoff of the Character Playbook Speaker Series. The NFL connected with KCIA because Michael Goodwin(P.E. teacher) has been using the Character Playbook, a digital course about maintaining healthy and supportive relationships, in his health classes. KCIA's seventh and eighth graders participated in the event. Principal Jamie Jansen and Engagement Coordinator Becky Croker gave added support and planning for the event and hosted guest speakers and NFL players.
- **Upcoming KCIA Events:** Dr. King to reach out

Unfinished Business: None at this time

Open Forum/New Business

None at this time

Finance Report

Ramsey Atieh representing the Financial Committee, gave the August 2024 monthly check register/ financial reports.**Motion carried unanimously.**

Conflict of Interest for Annual Review: Dr. King will send out an email with document to be signed by Board Members

Consent Items

- Annual Designation of Homeless Liaison (Jennifer Wilson):

- Provides oversight and support for students identified as homeless in keeping with McKinney Vento legislation.
- Annual Designation of Foster Care Liaison (Jennifer Wilson):
 - Provides oversight and support for students placed in foster care settings.
- Annual Designation of EL Coordinator (Kate McDowell)
 - Provides oversight and support for students meeting the criteria to receive additional support in English language development.
- Annual Designation of 504 Coordinator (Dr. Jake Boswell)
 - Provides oversight and facilitation around the identification and development of 504 Plans.
- Annual Designation of Title IX Coordinator (Dr. Stacy King)
 - Provides oversight of all sex discrimination concerns and identifying and addressing any patterns or systemic problems that arise during the review of such complaints.

Superintendent's Report

- Special Services Presentation and Written Report (Dr. Jake Boswell)
 - Student Information
 - Break Down by Eligibility Category
 - Current Initial Evaluations
 - Students with 504 Plans
 - Student Demographics
- ProCare Therapy services help passionate and caring school professionals make a genuine connection with the students who need them most, ensuring children feel more encouraged, confident and empowered to succeed

Motion by Ramsey Atieh to approve the ProCare Therapy services for KCIA. Shanelle Brewster to seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Building and Site Improvements:
 - Parking Lot Update: Construction to begin immediately. Zoning and all contractors have been updated. Trees will be cleared, retaining walls to be built. Mr. Leone to be a point of contact for business and communications. Hopeful for December finish.
 - Bond Update: A general obligation bond (“GO Bond”) is a type of bond that allows state and local governments, including school districts, to raise money for projects that may not directly generate a revenue stream. GO Bonds are not backed by a revenue producing project or asset. Rather, GO Bonds are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the issuer. This means that GO Bonds are backed by the issuer’s ability to tax, and to raise taxes, if necessary, in order to pay bondholders. For school districts, this usually means the ability to increase property taxes. KCPS has stated the plan is for the GO bond to be on the April 2025 ballot.
- KCIA Public Relations Discussion (Dr. Stacy King): WEcreating and maintaining a positive public image for KCIA with an updated and appealing website. Adding design and features that are user friendly and attractive for interaction
 - Website Update: Currently 7 yrs old
 - Video Update: Want to add 30 second commercials
 - PBS Opportunity

- Dana Coleman Consulting Update (Dr. Stacy King):
 - Vetted and Codified Classified Salary Schedule and Leadership Salary Schedule (Deadline: Dec 2024)
 - Enhanced & Updated KCIA Website
 - Offboarding Process Updates & Training (Deadline: March 2025)

Motion by Sycil Proffitt to approve Dana Coleman Consulting. Tanesha Thompson to seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

- Spanish Translator (Dr. Stacy King) the need for translation support is greatest, based on current enrollment.
 - Consistent Content Support: Students need consistent support from a translator to access course content.
 - Occasional Social: Students need touchpoints with a translator to problem-solve and understand key information about U.S. schools but support is not needed daily.
 - 22% of students need translator support (137 students)

Motion by Sycil Proffitt to hire a Spanish translator for high needs area and support. Joycelyn Strickland-Egans to second. Motion carried unanimously

- Kansas City Regional Fusion Center MOU (Dr. Stacy King)
 - The Kansas City Regional Fusion Center brings local, state and federal law enforcement officials together with public and private organizations to detect, deter and respond to terrorist threats in the Greater Kansas City community. The Fusion Center's Interagency Analysis Center collects information from a variety of sources. This data is evaluated and analyzed in an effort to identify potential trends or patterns of terrorist or criminal operations within the region.

Motion by Ramsey Atieh to approve the MOU for the Kansas City Regional Fusion Center. Joycelyn Strickland-Egans to second. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

- 2024 MCPSA Leadership Conference October 17-18, 2024
- Board evaluation tools
- Board Committee Dates/ times for public notice: President Jauqua Preston Wilkins to contact Dr. Stacy King. Michelle Haynes-Winter to send out a survey for a future in person meeting date.
- Board Professional Development: Decision on no annual hours needed for Board PD to further current positions or skills.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm. Present: Governing Board Members: Jauqua Preston Wilkins, Tanesha Thompson, Joycelyn Strickland-Egans, Ramsey Atieh, Sycil Proffitt, and Shanelle Brewster.

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22, at 4:00pm. via Zoom.

Jauqua Preston Wilkins, Board President

Tanesha Thompson, Board Secretary

Michelle Haynes-Winter
Michelle Haynes-Winter, Records Custodian