

AQS Board Meeting
10:30am June 14, 2018
1315 Butterfield Road, Suite 224, Downers Grove, IL 60515

President Bakalis called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:30am at AQS Central Office.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Michael Bakalis, Marlene Golembo, Pam Paul (via phone) & Tom Pekras and Patricia Yadgir

Others Present: Charles Williams – Principal Plato Learning Academy, Harold Stevens – Principal Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy, Tiffani Cooper (Via Skype) – Director of Accounting, Wendy Stella – HR and Payroll Manager and Executive Assistant to Dr. Bakalis and Patricia Yadgir

Meeting Minutes April 12, 2018

Motion: by Marlene Golembo

Move to accept meeting minutes of April 12, 2018.

Seconded by Tom Pekras and carried without dissent.

Financial Report – All Campus Financials & AQS Financials – Tiffani Cooper via Skype
TMLA – positive bottom line

Plato – Currently showing a loss but has cash despite the negative balance. Salaries were increased to be at the same level as CPS.

AQS – Currently showing a negative balance due to moving expenses and paying double rent. Passages will send in their final payment and we will also show reimbursements for management fees so a positive bottom line will show in June.

Motion: by Tom Pekras

Move to accept School and AQS and Corp Financials.

Seconded by Marlene Golembo and carried without dissent

2018-2019 Budgets –

TMLA Budget accepted as presented

Plato Budget – Plato is expecting and budgeted at 335 students. Plato does have cash to cover the 14K short if needed. The per student rate has yet to be released from CPS for 18/19 academic year. K-3 is expected to be +300 and 4-8 to be +230 from 17/18 for CPS general funding.

AQS Budget – negative bottom line from the sublease being slightly off from what AQS pays on the lease of the Chicago office.

Motion: by Marlene Golembo

Move to accept TMLA, Plato and AQS Budgets for 18/19 academic year.

Seconded by Tom Pekras and carried without dissent

School Reports

- **Plato Learning Academy and Middle School** - Charles Williams

Enrollment has shown 10 withdrawals in mixed grades, but that was to be expected for the summer and the combining of campuses. Discipline was better in May.

There were some staff changes due to grade changes and non-certified staff not fulfilling the licensing requirements.

Parent meetings for 18/19 academic year will be broadcast and also available via recording

The May 16 CPS meeting reported that they are pleased with the progress at Plato.

A new calendar was created to coincide with the CPS calendar. Absenteeism was large since Plato starts school 2 weeks before CPS. The new calendar presented to the board reflects the same start date of most CPS schools. The hope is that this will help with the attendance issue.

NWEA scores show an increase or growth by 1 or 2 which should give us a 2.9 which will give Plato a 2+. Very beneficial for our renewal and review by CPS.

The math focus this year using engage NY program and teachers using data driven instruction has attributed to the increase in the math scores.

Plato Building Consolidation for the 18/19 academic year. The Middle school will move to the Primary building on Harrison. There will be a drop-in enrollment based on the need for space. There will be one class per grade and a split class. Would like to have 350 enrolled by the start of school. Marketing plan is for the back to school parade and a banner placed at the school showing the change in the start date of school.

Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy - Hal Stevens

TMLA has an enrollment of 100 for next year with 35 still pending.

Discipline plan is to implement PBIS

Plan to start the MySister/Brother Keeper for 18/19 academic year. An older student is paired with a younger student who may be struggling.

TMLA will be K-6 for the 18/19 school year and moving forward. This was approved by the ICSB.

A social worker will be in campus as part of the ICSB recommendation and will be paid for by another company.

Motion: by Marlene Golembo

Move to accept Plato & TMLA School Report.

Seconded by tom Pekras and carried without dissent

Mike presented information on AmBest project – Plan is to recruit American teachers to teach English in China, have Chinese students come to the US for a short time to experience American schools and culture, run an International Curriculum Program in schools in China, and open an International school here in the US. All are still in the works but look very positive.

Old Business – No old Business

New Business – No new business

Adjournment – 12:15pm

Motion by: Pam Paul

Seconded by Marlene Golembo carried without dissent

Next meeting TBD