

**AQS Board Meeting**  
**1:00pm March 7, 2019**  
**1315 Butterfield Road, Suite 224, Downers Grove, IL 60515**

President Bakalis called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:15 pm at AQS Central Office.

Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Present:** Michael Bakalis, Marlene Golembo, Tom Pekras, George Nassos, Terri Vanderjack, and Patricia Yadgir

**Others Present:** Charles Williams – Principal Plato Learning 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 October 4, 2018**

**Motion:** by Tom Pekras

Move to accept meeting minutes of October 4, 2018.

Seconded by Terri Vanderjack and carried without dissent.

**Financial Report – All Campus Financials & AQS Financials – Tiffani Cooper via Skype**

TMLA & Plato – Both schools have a lower student count than we had hoped for by this time of year. Basis support money is only monies on budgets at this time. Still waiting for CPS and Indiana to reconcile. As long as CPS doesn't change their policy Plato should get \$270K from Title 1 revenue. TMLA has the same situation with funding and this will be the first year since we managed them that they have a negative balance. This is from the new board expenditures, the last-minute move and other items approved by the board that were not in the budget.

AQS – has a negative balance on balance statement but a positive bottom line because of an overpayment to TMLA that was refunded so no management fee to AQS in Jan and Feb from TMLA. This balances out.

**Motion:** by George Nassos

Move to accept School and AQS and Corp Financials.

Seconded by Terri Vanderjack and carried without dissent

**School Reports**

**- Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy – Patty Yadgir**

ICSB revoked TMLA charter in December. The school will close June 30, 2019. Sheila Moore is gone from the board and some prior members are returning. TMLA is looking for other authorizers, possibly Trine University, to grant a charter to continue to operate. Patty will be meeting with the new and old President of the board to discuss what is going on and if they need our help. George asked about the enrollments numbers after this happened. Patty advised that nothing has changed.

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

Enrollment has stayed the same from last meeting. There has been a student withdrawal because he was suspended for undressing in the hallway. The parents felt he should not have been suspended so they withdrew him.

A new 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher will start. We have currently used 2 subs to cover this class, one is a good sub the other one is not so good but needed in the classroom.

Parents are not attending meetings for suspensions. The in school suspension room is affective in curbing the negative activity when in the suspension room, but the behavior returns when they are back in the classroom.

Middle school will be sublet from KIPP most likely opening academic year 2019/2020. KIPP is prepared with students.

Charles presented a calendar for approval for the 2019/2020 school year. Only possible change will be to add in snow days, extending the end of the 19/20 academic year to June 19. This will be advised. Current school year, 18/19 will be extended by 3 days with summer school to begin June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Charles presented the CIWP for board approval – Motion by Terri Vanderjack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Nassos, All in favor. Charles will submit to CPS via Epicenter.

**Motion:** by Marlene Golembo

Move to accept Plato and TMLA School Reports.

Seconded by Tom Pekras and carried without dissent

#### **Report on China Projects – Mike Bakalis**

- a) Short-Term visits – Currently working with Max to bring HS students for summer sessions.
- b) Joint branding project – Working with Lake Forest Academy and Chicago Fine Arts
- c) Teacher recruitment – English Teachers in China are needed.
- d) Summer Entrepreneurship Program – This is in the works with Max, possible location UIC.

#### **New Business Exploration – Michael Bakalis**

- a) Indiana – Patty and Harold Stevens will meet with Sweetwater in Ft. Wayne Indiana to discuss and explore a private high school.
- b) Chicago

**Old Business** – No old Business

**New Business** – No new business

**Motion by:** Marlene Golembo

Seconded by George carried without dissent

**Adjournment – 2:30pm**

Next meeting June 13 2019 at 10:30am