



# NOBLE MINDS

## Noble Minds Board of Directors Meeting

Jul 21, 2021

8:30am-10:30am

Present: Patricia Hawley, Naila Campbell, Amika Kali, Jerry Hall

Absent: Guyon Lewis, Will Jacobs

Staff: Vera Triplett, Sherah LeBoeuf (ED OPS), Amber Powell

### **Agenda:**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Amendment:**

Approval of minutes from June 16, 2021

Naila motioned to approve minutes, Trish 2nd, minutes approved.

#### **Board Chair Nominations:**

Trish nominates Naila Campbell for Board Chair, Amika Kali 2nd, Jerry Hall all approved

Jerry Hall: Yay

Amika Kali: Yay

Kate Robinson: Yay

Patricia Hawley: Yay

**Motion passed. Naila Campbell has been named Board Chair.**

**Call to Order: Trish called the meeting to order at 8:42am**

#### **CEO Report:**

- Enrollment: We are at 147 kids at BOY. Still have spots in K & 1. About a 20 student increase from last year.
  - 11 students for 6th grade. Still no teacher. This is when we start the blended learning process.
- Upcoming Dates: Staff comes back on August 2nd, Students come back on August 16, Orientation on July 28/29.
- Covid Guidelines: Surge in NOLA. DHH says new cases that surge are primarily amongst those who are not vaccinated, however there are some vaccinated people who have contracted the Delta variant. As a result, we are moving back to a strict mask mandate for students. All adults for the most part are vaccinated. Keeping all other guidelines (i.e. bringing their own water bottles, different entrances/exits). No COVID testing for teachers.



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- GNOF/Hancock Whitney Partnership: Partnership around raising funds for our kids going to high school. Met yesterday with HW to talk through next steps, they are on board. HW wants to help put together a capital campaign around our efforts to make sure our kids have an opportunity to go to the best high schools in the city. Public or Private.
  - Do we have seed money as an organization to start this on our own? Where does it come from? How do we use it?
  
- New Hires: All paperwork turned in. New 1st grade teacher. New violinist.
  - Still need a 2nd and 6th grade teacher.
- CRT in K-12 Schools: We are not teaching it because it's a master level course not for the K-12 system. We are teaching accurate history and providing facts. Encouraging students to go and do their own research on it.
- Financial Report/Budget Approval:
  - Handout: June 2021 Financials
  - Dr. Triplett mentioned using remaining PPP loan money to pay down credit at HW.
  - Handout: Sherah went over the budget and asked for a motion to approve it
    - Jerry moved to approve
    - Trish 2nd
    - Amika motioned to approve
    - Naila, 2nd
    - All approved
    - Motion Passed, Budget Approved
- Executive Session
  - Recording stopped, Dr. Triplett & Amber removed
  - Ended at 9:33 am
  - Dr. Triplett & Amber rejoined
- Adjourned
  - Trish motion to adjourn
  - Naila 2nd
  - All approved
  - Meeting adjourned at 9:34am