

Rooted School - Indianapolis
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Virtual Meeting (see Zoom information on second page)

Rooted Indianapolis Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order (Board Chair) - 6:39 PM

- Katie called to order at 6:41 pm.
- Roll Call on attendance:
 - Chuong - Present
 - Taffanee - Present
 - Katie - Present
 - Terri - Joined at 7pm
 - Devin - Absent
 - Lamont - Present
 - Leigh - Present

- Quorum is met

2. Consent Agenda (Board Chair) - 6:47PM

1. Meeting Agenda (adoption) -No objections
2. 11.4.20 Board Meeting Minutes (approval)
 - The Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes are approved.

3. Mission Moment (Board Members) -6:48 PM

1. Mission Moment (Ma'at)

Placed an article in chat that could be read at a later moment. The article discusses how Ma'at grew up on the east, member of Eastern Star and how grateful she is to serve the community with the school. She is very thankful for the board trusting her. <https://indianapolisrecorder.com/connected-to-her-roots/>

4. Board Discussion and Action Items (Board Chair) - 6:50 PM

1. SCHOOL PERFORMANCE + ACADEMICS (Ma'at Lands) - 6:51 PM
 - Executive Director + School Leader Report (presentation)

Ma'at shared RSI Monthly Report - updates on attendance, college readiness, SAT, end of year, ELA growth, Math growth, determining whether kids are on track to graduate on time, CLD programming will be brought to Indy.

2. FINANCE (Terri Anderson) - 6:57PM
 - Budget Update (presentation + discussion)

Terri has not joined tonight and it will be discussed at the board retreat

All voted yes to table budget updates to board retreat.

Roll Call vote to table agenda item:

- Chuong - yes
- Taffanee - yes
- Katie - yes
- Terri - Joined at 7pm
- Devin - Absent
- Lamont - yes
- Leigh - yes

3. GOVERNANCE (Katie Murphy + Taffanee Keys) - 6:59 PM

- Board Membership (presentation + discussion)

Debbie Lister has offered to reach to any potential board members about the Rooted Board. Katie asks if anyone would like to connect with Debbie and no one wishes to connect with her at the moment. Trying to reach a 12 member board so please keep recruiting

- Rooted School Opportunity (discussion)

Rooted has been approached to expand to 7th and 8th graders in fall of 2022. Please think about questions for a deeper discussion at the board retreat.

Questions:

1. What is the timeline for amending a charter? Would the expansion be effective by the 21-22 school year?
2. How will this affect our goals, I'm assuming they'll just be shifted.
3. If extended, what revenues vs. expenses (staff, teachers, etc) must be met?
4. What are the implications for compliance with OEI?
5. What does it look like to pursue our mission and implement our model with 7th and 8th grades?
6. How does this change our budget? Would it impact any grants we have or are pursuing?
7. What do we anticipate in terms of adoption or participation?
8. Will one school leader oversee the entire 7-12 program?
9. In general 7 *8 has a different structure. How does this affect our current school structure?
10. Do we have the space and operational capacity for a 7-12?
11. What is the parent buy-in?
12. What does this mean for building and equipment requirements?
13. How do we logistically keep students separated inside the school?

Ma'at thanked folks for the questions

- Board Retreat Agenda (discussion)

Review draft agenda for retreat led by Katie

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YTe9bqIKfr2W6gvXb7CqTCHNXkZT8UGDC49JubZ1Yb8/edit#slide=id.p>

Overall Feedback: No major questions from the board

Right agenda items? Adding agenda items?

Will it replace the normal board meeting? No, it will not replace June's board meeting.

Comfort level of board for virtual vs. In Person?

Chuong- Comfortable

Taffanee-Comfortable

Lamont- Needs to get wife to sign off because he is vaccinated and his wife is not

Leigh- Comfortable

Terri- Does not matter to her.

Katie- Comfortable

Meeting Place - Care Center at Eastern Star. It's a big space with white board, restrooms and outdoor space and it would be free of charge. Ma'at is on board and Leigh will reserve the space. Address: ESC Care Center ~ 5719 Massachusetts Ave ~ 46218

Feedback on draft agenda: all thumbs up

Include the board self evaluation in follow-up email - Katie

5. Comments from Board Members (Board Chair)

- Upcoming board meeting items: committee action plans

6. Next steps and Commitments (Secretary)

- Recap action items for board members and committees
- Board Dates: June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st

7. Adjournment (Board Chair) - 7:29 PM

■ Roll Call to adjourn meeting

- Chuong – Yes
- Taffanee - Yes
- Katie - Yes
- Terri - yes
- Devin - absent
- Leigh- Yes
- Lamont- Yes
- Ma'at- Yes

■ The motion passes

Zoom Link

Rooted Indy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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