

Date: February 23, 2021 Time: 6:00 PM
Location of Meeting: 300 Industrial Blvd. NE
(Via Zoom)

Board Members/Director Present or Absent:

Name	Position/Role
Morgan Brown	Great MN Schools
Andrea Wenker	Teacher
Abdullahi Hassan	Parent
Beth Finch	CharterSource
Kevin Ross	Parent
Michele Ross	Parent
Peter Pepowski	Teacher
Suheila Hussein	Parent
Musab Ahmed	Parent
Zach Munson	Social Worker, NECP
Mohamed Idle	Parent

Northeast College Prep will ensure strong academic, social-emotional, and talent development in every member of its diverse student body, thereby positioning each student for college graduation, career success, and positive community impact.

	Approve Agenda						
Motion	Move to approve agenda						
Made by	Courtney Carter			Seconded	Amanda Jagdeo		
Discussion	N/A						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

	Approve Board Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021.						
Motion	Move to approve Board Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2021 with the stated changes.						
Made by	Whitney McKinley		Seconded		Bill Graves		
Discussion	N/A						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Ross: parent, concerned about sending schools back in person too quickly. Risks involved in in-person learning.

Mohamed Idle: kids not all doing well in distance learning; feels it is not as beneficial academically, socially, etc. Are we considering the guidelines of the President and Governor in opening school.

FINANCES

	Approve January 2021 Financial Reports						
Motion	Move to approve January 2021 Financial reports						
Made by	Joanna Schneider			Seconded	Jessica Waletski		
Discussion	Reviewed balance sheet, dashboard. 58% of the way through the year; 68% of expected expenditures spent. PPP loan forgiven; now projecting fund balance of \$1.43M at end of year. Biggest financial developments, forgiveness of PPP loan; looking ahead to next year. Strategic movements to make accordingly.						
Vote	7	Yea	7	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

NEW BUSINESS

Report on academic progress from Academic Achievement Committee

- iReady monthly usage
 - Upward trend; on track for targeted goal.
- Lexia monthly usage
 - Similar upward trend
 - Skill status, seeing progress in above grade level. Slight increase in below grade level. Slight decrease in at-grade level students.
- iReady data
 - Looking at correlation to proficiency on MCA
 - iReady overall performance k-8 from fall to winter
 - Improving; significant growth for students in mid-above grade level band. Also saw decreases in students who were two+ grade levels below.
 - In general, students farther behind are making the most growth.
 - Encouraging trends, happy with curriculum.
 - NECP goals for iReady growth:
 - 100% of students will meet expected growth; 50% will meet stretch growth goals.
 - Strong growth trends in data.
- FAST Data
 - Seeing growth in median scores; not showing as shifts in levels yet.

Update on distance learning

- Previous recommendation: stay in distance learning with supports for high-needs students.
- Added some students; dependent on staffing capacity
 - At around 12% of students in school now; moving to 15% soon
- Summer school program
- After school program for students who are behind academically
- Hennepin County COVID Data; numbers were coming down significantly in January, but still above 30
 - Current data: 18.1 Hennepin County; 14.6 Minneapolis
 - Reopening of state has not caused state numbers to increase
- Vaccinations underway
- Decrease in cases in the community has been consistent with the in-person program
 - No student days lost to quarantining
- Next steps:
 - Survey families in next 2 weeks
 - Survey staff by March 17th
 - Recommendation 3/21 for 3/23 Meeting

Approve school policies

	Approve Policies 418 Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School; 419 Tobacco-Free Environment; 493 Nepotism; 531 Pledge of Allegiance; 533 Wellness.						
Motion	Move to approve policies 418, 419, 493, 531, and 533.						
Made by	Josh Crosson		Seconded		Courtney Carter		
Discussion	Reviewed policies and tracked changes made by governance committee.						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATES

	Approve Finance Committee Minutes from February 18, 2021						
Motion	Approve Finance Committee Minutes from February 18, 2021						
Made by	Jessica Waletski			Seconded	Joanna Schneider		
Discussion	Reviewed financial reports; discussed 990 return--for full board to approve in April; PPP loan forgiven; ESSR funds can be split between fiscal years; verification of insurance. Still waiting on budget revisions.						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

	Approve Academic Committee Minutes from February 9, 2021						
Motion	Move to approve Academic Committee Minutes from February 9, 2021						
Made by	Jessica Waletski		Seconded		Whitney McKinley		
Discussion	Review of dashboard. Analysis of data gathered from distance learning apps. Reviewed slides in preparation for Board presentation.						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Motion passed unanimously.						

DIRECTOR REPORT

- Northeast College Prep met the academic results criteria for the 2021 High Quality Charter School list.
- Looking for nonprofit to occupy space in building, must have a connection to students and families. June 2023.

AUTHORIZER INPUT

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

	Adjourn						
Motion	Move to adjourn at 8:51 pm.						
Made by	Josh Crosson			Seconded	Whitney McKinley		
Discussion	None						
Vote	6	Yea	6	Nay	0	Abstain	0
Decision	Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.						

Respectfully submitted by Courtney Carter