## Northeast College Prep

## **Finance Committee Minutes**

October 17, 2022 12:00 pm

Agenda	Discussion	Action Items
September Financial Projections and Dashboard	<ul> <li>Actual enrollment = 334</li> <li>Cash balance \$677,432 - typically high when the hold back from prior year is received</li> <li>current year hold back still \$225k</li> <li>25% through the year, revenue 20.9%, expenditures 17.2%</li> <li>Lease Aid application still questioning fire inspection, so delayed -</li> <li>Lease Aid payments</li> <li>Expenses - over budget: Curriculum and Technology, contracted services higher % used than through the year</li> <li>No food service revenue yet</li> </ul>	
Discuss adding column for "Working Budget" with new assumptions	<ul> <li>Might be able to have this column for next month based on what we do currently know. Bridget will confirm teacher/staff coding, before the financial review meeting (NECP and Bridget)</li> <li>Potential comparisons from other schools to see % of budgets for transportation and admin.</li> <li>Transportation <ul> <li>Carl Allen 4MATIV, expecting costs to go up this year, concerns with increasing transportation costs while we have 40 fewer students</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Confirm audit preview at next month's meeting	- December 13, 2022 6:00pm Auditors will present to full board - Expect a draft in next week or two, Bridget will send to Erika and Brenton once received	
Discuss Increased budget transparency with school stakeholders	- Brenton did share high level budget review with staff and outlined concerns about the budget deficit and drivers	
Review current enrollment numbers and budget implications	- will address in detail when working budget column is incorporated	

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Committee goals (at bottom of Work Plan document)	<ul> <li>Discussed what would be helpful for Brenton and Erika to see when evaluating financials nad making budget decisions</li> <li>Discussion: <ul> <li>Enrollment</li> <li>Transportation - field trips increased from \$250/trip to \$500 this year</li> <li>consider more focus in the Finance Committee on enrollment, should we as a committee dive deeper into enrollment</li> <li>enrollment vs staffing</li> <li>teacher to student ratio</li> <li>average student ~\$10k annual reimbursement</li> <li>consider revenue per staff and expense per staff including a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>historical comparison</li> <li>Additional goals to consider: <ol> <li>Data-driven metrics guiding decision-making: ratios of expense to student, revenue to student, staff, etc. (including comparisons: prior years, similarly situated schools)</li> <li>Do we want to put a goal on a target for a surplus number? Identify the goal, work toward how to get there. Leverage visibility to help make budget decisions. consider a 3-year objective.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
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