

APPROVED MINUTES
Wyatt Academy Board Work Session
Friday 2/16/2024 10:30 am
Via Zoom

Attendees:

Board: Rob Hayes, Nicole Servino, Terry Usry, Lyle Whitney

Staff/Guests: Maria Estrada, Lisa Grant, Sarah Grant, Melody Means

10:30 am Terry kicked off the meeting to discuss priorities moving forward

- Process for filling vacancies on the board

Requested skill sets:

finance, legal, fundraising/development/grant writing, teaching, and foundation/non-profit, and possibly HR

4 candidates have come forward to date.

Nicole announced her intent to resign as soon as we have 2 new members, and we would have our necessary 5 to operate moving forward.

A plan was made to fast-track one to two new members.

1. Lyle to create a questionnaire for the 4 current candidates. Will be sent Sunday to each.
2. There will be a working board session at the school with the leadership team on Wednesday at 11:00 to review questionnaires and prepare for Thursday's board meeting.
3. Thursday, 4:00, there will be a board meeting at the school. Candidates will introduce themselves, and the community will have the opportunity to ask questions in person or through the chat feature on-line.
4. Board will vote on new member(s)
5. Board will vote to terminate the M.O.U. with UPrep. UPrep's board will also be voting to terminate.

Once we have a board of 5-6 members, we can define the process for evaluating and on-boarding future members.

- Communications with staff, parents, and community

Immediate needs - Post update to Dojo. Website blog celebrating the school's future and enrollment info for prospective families.

Terry to draft 2 communications/blogs - one to announce that the school is open, enrollment is open, etc. The second is to announce our desire for board volunteers - what experiences we request, what the process is to apply.

- Important partnerships to engage immediately

RootEd/Denver families - feedback from meeting on Thursday
Colorado league of charter schools

- Fundraising priorities

Melody had mentioned donors coming forward. Is there anything the board can do to help? Melody confirmed not at this time, but will keep the board posted.

Additional suggestion to improve communication between board and leadership:

Melody suggested that a board member meets once a week with the leadership team.

Lyle volunteered to be the board liaison to leadership.

11:35 am Meeting adjourned