

University Prep Board Meeting – 2/22/21

Minutes

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Call to Order: Kimberlee Sia called Meeting to order

Board Attendance: Bev Sloan, Emily Eikelberner, Kimberlee Sia, Renae Bellew, Nicholas Martinez, Brenna Copeland, Juan Pena, Tracey Lovett and Recardo Brooks

Board Absences: Cuneyt Akay

Staff Attendance: David Singer (Executive Director), Alastair Dawe (COO), and Liz Suarez (CAO)

Before engaging in the business of the meeting members of the board spent the first 15 minutes catching up with one another and staying connected.

Minutes Approval

To start the meeting, the board unanimously approved the minutes from both the December 2020 and January 2021 meetings. Bev Sloan motioned for approval and Juan Pena seconded before the complete approval was made.

Revisiting Growth:

The majority of the meeting was focused on a board discussion tied to the growth of the organization. The deep dive conversation focused on where things currently stand in an effort to launch a 3rd campus by the fall of 2023 and included the following major topics:

- Charting timeline within Adams 14 (anticipated community to be served)
- Update of what's happening in the Adams 14 space (MGT, Board of Ed, etc.)
- Analysis of potential facility options aligned with proposed new campus
- Review financial projections aligned with proposed 3rd campus (within Adams 14) and implications on the networks' financial picture
- Further understanding of the wants and needs of families within the community

The board engaged in discussion tied to the co-design efforts being proposed by U Prep, which would ensure meaningful family voice as the driver of the school's creation/design. Along those lines, there was a discussion around guardrails tied to design that ensure on the front-end that folks understand where there are and are not opportunities for change or unique elements outside of the core of what U Prep offers.

After significant engagement in the community aspects associated with the potential school, financial modeling and facility acquisition, the board agreed that there should be a continued effort towards bringing the third campus to reality.

Updates:

A couple of updates were shared prior to the close of the meeting.

- Principal Resident was hired with a start date of 3/1
- Vaccine distribution: First round of shots administered on 2/13... second shots set for 3/6 (for staff)

As part of a preview for the March board meeting, David Singer shared that the meeting would be longer than usual with a large window of time designated for U Prep's proposed catch-up plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 AM after Brenna Copeland motioned to close and Tracey Lovett seconded.