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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FOR GIFTED LEARNING

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Galileo School for Gifted Learning duly called and held on March 12, 2020 at 5:30pm at UCF, Orlando, FL.

Board members present:

- ✓ Michele Gill, Chair
- ✓ Javier Rivera, Vice Chair
- ✓ Joe MacLaren, Treasurer
- ✓ Jason Brodeur, Member
- ✓ Caleb Edwards, Member
- ✓ Treva Marshall, Member
- ✓ Kevin Miller, Member

Others present:

- ✓ Michelle Nunez, Principal

Dr. Gill welcomed members the Board Members. Dr. Gill asked if there were any comments on or edits to the minutes. No comments were provided. On a motion by Mr. Rivera, second by Mr. Miller, with all in favor, the minutes were approved.

Applications for employment at the new school were each reviewed by Dr. Gill and Mrs. Nunez. The hiring of the applicants that were recommended by Dr. Gill and Mrs. Nunez was included as an item on the consent agenda. Dr. Gill mentioned that the pool of new employees was full of well-qualified applicants and that she was very happy with the response. On a motion by Mr. Rivera, second by Mr. Miller, with all in favor, the Board approved the consent agenda, including the hiring of all of the recommended new employees.

Caleb Edwards and Jason Brodeur joined the meeting in progress at 5:45pm. Mr. Edwards attended in person and Mr. Brodeur attended by telephone.

Mrs. Nunez provided her Principal's Report. Mrs. Nunez noted that the admissions lottery will take place on Friday, March 13th. There were nearly 1,000 admissions applications submitted. Dr. Gill asked Mrs. Nunez for an update on the CSP grant resubmission. Mrs. Nunez had resubmitted the application and was hopeful that the resubmission would be successful, similar to the result achieved by the original submission.

Mr. MacLaren reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The revenues for February were \$485,308 versus \$509,461 in expenses, leading to a \$24,153 deficit for the month. Mrs. Nunez explained the reasons for the deficit. On motion by Ms. Marshall, second by Mr. Rivera, the Treasurer's ss

Treva Marshall provided an update on the Gala. The Gala will take place in the Lake Mary events center, the same location as last year. Mrs. Marshall is exploring new campaigns that align with student interests. The first campaign will likely be a pre-vet and science campaign. They are also exploring a music campaign. Dr. Gill expressed an interest in encouraging recurring giving.

Mr. Edwards provided a web analytics update. The website visitors have basically doubled since the same time period last year. This was likely due to the new campus and increased enrollment, but was still a welcome increase. There were over 2,000 views of a new school promotional video on Facebook. It was discussed that the school should continue to use this form of marketing.

Mr. Miller provided an update on the status of construction at the Skyway campus. There were two problems that had been encountered. The first was that the steel structure for the school buildings had not gone into fabrication as planned. The second was that the site superintendent had broken his ankle while on the job and so would be unable to come to the site for a period of time. The delays were not believed to affect the deadline for having the school constructed.

Mrs. Nunez had obtained an engagement letter from Suzanne D'Agresta with the law firm Garganese, Weiss, D'Agresta & Salzman, P.A. Mr. Miller noted that he had reviewed the terms of the letter and found her to be experienced and her prices reasonable. On motion by Mr. Rivera, second by Mrs. Marshall, with all in favor, the Board approved retaining Ms. D'Agresta to provide legal representation to the school on an as-needed basis.

Mrs. Nunez presented a proposed Galileo Preschool logo. The Board Members noted that the logo was attractive. They also liked that it closely matched the school's current logo. The only change requested to the logo was that the name "galileopreschool" would have a space between the two words. The words would not be capitalized in the logo but then would be capitalized in all text related to the preschool. The logo was approved on motion by Ms. Marshall, second by Mr. Rivera, with all in favor.

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.

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