

## **Urban Dove Team Charter School & Urban Dove Team Charter School II Board Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

Present: Andrew Ehigiator; Mike Grandis, Jai Nanda, Heather Bushong, Spencer Rothschild; Wanda Morales; Patrick Fagan Sharon Aiuvalasit and Amit Bahl

Absent: Kevin Turton, Patricia Charlemagne

Public observer: Dana Derchin, Loretta Grief

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. Opening Items**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM and attendance was taken. Agenda was unanimously adopted and approved. Minutes from the March meeting were unanimously adopted and approved.

School Leader Report Highlights:

Combined Bronx and Brooklyn report on distance learning:

- Best practices for communicating with students. Students impressed with the outreach, but was perhaps a bit overbearing.
- Now doing a more reasonable approach. Evaluating success by attendance, (did you connect with staff member) and completion of assignments
- Pass rates lower than trimester 2.
- Nearly all students have signed up for their classes, about 50% of students engaged consistently
- DOE giving computers to kids with IEP/in foster care or in Shelter.
- Social workers, staff and mentors have compiled list of families who need food, cleaning supplies and UD is sending care packages as needed to families
- Issue – internet – if families owe any money, can't get wifi.
- School leaders in constant contact with parents
- IEP's. Mandated counselors are continuing to work with students. Social workers doing weekly sessions. Filling out releases and using google meets (not zoom). SPED teachers ensuring that specially designed instructions are being implemented. Getting same interventions as in classroom.
- Loretta figured out how to get "read-alouds" done. Spanish students – Spanish instruction piece.
- IEP meetings still take place, including parent participation.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be virtual, as will PTA meetings

## II. Public Comment

None

## III. Academics

See SL Reports

## IV. Finance

- a. Funding for next year – charter schools looking flat for next year.
- b. Apply for payment protection program. Hopeful that comes through. 75% to be used for payroll, 25% for rent and other expenditures. If we use for these purposes, loan forgiven. Otherwise, repay in two years with 1% interest. Board reviewed UD Team’s eligibility for the program and financial situation of UD Team now and going forward.

**After a motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the attached resolution (Appendix A attached to these Minutes) to apply for a Paycheck Protection Plan loan through Signature Bank.**

- c. Update on billing issues with IEP students in Bronx: awaiting decision from DOE CSE on providing backdated amendments.

## V. Governance.

- a. FOIL request responses obviously delayed

## VI. Other Business, As Needed.

Work stoppage limited to 3 weeks, but both sites back up and running now that Executive Orders have deemed school construction “essential.”

Big question on summer school. Is it online or not. Once we know these things, can plan.

## VII. Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th. With no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heather Bushong, Secretary