Public Works
Learning Works Charter School
MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
April 27, 2020

Via Zoom
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Meeting ID: 967 3716 2689
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4:00 – 4:30 pm

I. Call to Order (4:05 pm)
Roll Call Present: Ty Gaffney, Mike Babcock, Kathy Lesley, Juliana Serrano, Lauren O’Neill and Dave Banis. Staff present: Mikala Rahn, Patty O’Driscoll and Tomoko Patrick.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda – Mike Babcock moved and Lauren O’Neill seconded to approve the agenda. Approved 6 – 0.

III. Public Comment
This is an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board on matters pertaining to the school district that are not listed on the agenda. For items on the Agenda, the public will have an opportunity to address the Board when that item is acted upon. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to 3 (three) minutes. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, there is a limit of 20 minutes total input on any item.

IV. Information Items
1) Update on school status in the current context of COVID-19
Teachers are still working from home and Chasers are still going to houses. Staff morale is still good and teacher appreciation is next week, the week of May 4th. Not much work is coming in so there has been a decline in ADA, which was expected. Students are doing work, but just not in the typical volume. Emotional impact is starting to manifest now and it is anticipated to continue this way through the end of May. It is crunch time with the list of 70 graduates. Not all are expected to graduate, but we do plan on having a graduation ceremony. It is unclear when that will happen and what it will look like exactly.

In terms of technology, 81 Chromebooks have been purchased. Donna Pierson donated 100 Chromebooks and SoCal Gas is donating 150 refurbished laptops that are about 4 years old. Agencies are still having trouble getting technology for foster care youth. We are working on a partnership with Homeboy Recycling for technology.
Financial update: Wells Fargo is still not accepting Paycheck Protection Program applications, but the penalties against Wells Fargo has been lifted so we will have to see what transpires. As a fallback, an application has been filed through a banker we had a relationship with many years ago, Dan Lien. We are hopeful. Homeboy did get a $1.5M Paycheck Protection Program loan, which is great, since Public Works relies on the relationship with Homeboy.

School funding for 2020-21 is based on 2019-20 ADA, so we are cautiously optimistic at this point. There will be budget cuts for 20-21, but it’s difficult to plan for subsequent years.

The pantry is thriving. All Saints Church has been great with donations and we are especially thankful for their generous daily lunch contributions.

2) Update on LCAP and Accountability
   The LCAP has been suspended, as well as testing.

V.  Action Items

1) Board Resolution for the State of California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for federal financial assistance for open and future disasters. Board provided Board Resolution required by Cal OES in order to apply for FEMA funding. Juliana Serrano moved and Dave Banis seconded to approve the Board Resolution. Approved 6 – 0.

VI.  Adjournment (4:28 pm)
   Dave Banis moved and Juliana Serrano seconded to adjourn the meeting. Approved 6 – 0.