

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
FOR THE JOHN C. DUNHAM STEM PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
Governing Board Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2020
2:00 pm

Virtual Board Meeting at Zoom by computer or smart phone:

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1. Call to Order

Dr. Craig called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm

2. Roll Call

Present Dr. Craig, Dr. Sherrick, Dr. Talley, Dr. Hichens, and Dr. Norrell

Also present Arin Carter, Chetna Patel and Ana Buenrostro

3. Public Comment

None

4. Information/Presentation/ Discussion

4.1 Planning for 2020-2021 School Year

Dr. Craig expressed the need to call in a meeting because the STEM school must work out logistics with four different districts as well as the university. Mrs. Carter started the conversation letting the districts know that she shared the STEM school plans with the district representatives. After districts shared their plans, Mrs. Carter worked out two plans to attempt to be consistent with all districts. Her first plan includes districts attending in pairs from 8:00 am until 1:20 pm. This will provide twenty minutes of lunch and five hours of instruction. The core subjects will be taught in person during the morning. Monday will be an online day for all students with synchronous art and music class. Assignments will be posted online in Google Classroom. Her second plan is an enhanced online option, where students will be fully remote with the minimum 2.5 hours of synchronous instruction, there will be an open Zoom for questions or small groups at the end of the day. There will be kits sent home to enhance instruction. Teachers will bring small groups to school to work on labs. This will be done by grade level or district. Mrs. Carter shared the desire to bring students to the school as long as AU is open.

Dr. Sherrick shared that the university has decided to go fully online, that people does not want to be present in campus. The dining hall will have a tent to serve at capacity.

Dr. Hichens asked what will be the drop off and pick up times for buses and if the school is offering both models to families to choose from. Mrs. Carter is unsure of the number of students choosing one model over the other one and that it can be complicated to do both at the same time.

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding what will happen with the STEM spots if a student decides to do online back at their home district. They spoke about the transition back to STEM if this were to happen and how that could be difficult for students.

Dr. Craig shared that hosting students at STEM can be challenging due to the restrictions of the university, and that with the hybrid model there will be no campus activities for STEM students.

Dr. Hichens shared that Batavia parents worry about their spot at the STEM school and if they will be able to keep their spot. Dr. Norrell and Dr. Talley support the decision to keep spots for students at the STEM school. Dr. Talley shared that they are asking parents to make a decision semester by semester to provide appropriate staff support.

Dr. Hichens is hoping to start the school year in person and the district hopes that parents are flexible if a different decision is made. Mrs. Carter expressed that the school is able to accommodate a fully remote model if needed.

Motion for the STEM School to start un a hybrid model

Dr. Norrell motioned and Dr. Talley seconded

Ayes (5)

Nays (0)

The board spoke about calendar changes at their respective districts but the STEM school will start the same day as district 129 regardless of the district's plan.

Mrs. Carter asked for clarification if all districts end up starting remote. The Board agree to discuss that later if is needed.

For now, Mrs. Carter will direct parents to the district representatives for online model inquiries. She will also try to schedule a weekly meeting with the reps, to keep abreast of any changes with the districts.

4.2 Future Meeting Date: the meeting for August will be rescheduled for the second week of September

7. Adjourn

Dr. Hichens motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Sherrick seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm