

APPROVED



New Legacy Charter School Board of Directors

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 9, 2017 at 12:00 PM

Location

New Legacy Charter School, 2091 Dayton St, Aurora, CO

New Legacy Charter School is a small public charter school tailored to the unique and multifaceted needs of teen parents, empowering them to create a legacy of education, quality parenting, and personal success for themselves and their children. We serve pregnant and parenting high school eligible students (male and female) and their children ages 0-5 in northwest Aurora, Colorado. We opened doors on August 31, 2015.

Board Members Present

Buffy Naake, Felicia Kirk, Jessica Gutknecht, Kristin Schledorn, Monica Abrahams, Noel Magee, Phil Tromburg, Philip Cooke, Sarah Bridich

Board Members Absent

Annie Burris

Guests Present

Jennifer Douglas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Sarah Bridich called a meeting of the board of directors of New Legacy Charter School Board of Directors to order on Thursday Feb 9, 2017 @ 12:10 PM at New Legacy Charter School, 2091 Dayton St, Aurora, CO.

C. Approve Previous Minutes - January 2017

B. Naake made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 01-12-17.

Jessica Gutknecht seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Administrative Updates

Jen provided additional updates related to a new attendance program, a waitlist/attendance policy for the ELC, and a pilot program for accountability measures in alternative schools, and a Notice of Concern from the Charter School Institute regarding special education licensing requirements. The Notice of Concern is currently being addressed and the school leadership is identifying strategies to prevent the issue in the future.

The board discussed whether and how to discuss personnel matters in compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law. The governance committee will discuss and provide clarity for future meetings.

II. Finance and Development

A. December Financials

Phil presented the December Financials. Cash flow is looking more positive for January and February.

P. Cooke made a motion to approve the December 2016 Financials as presented. Jessica Gutknecht seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Building Refinance Update

The Finance Committee discussed whether to continue exploring building refinance through the Calvert Fund, and is supportive of further exploration.

There is a meeting on February 13th with Urban Land Conservancy to discuss the feasibility and options.

III. Governance

A. Board Self-Evaluation Results

B. March Retreat

Board members will be asked to contribute to a breakfast potluck for the retreat. More details to come.

C. Review and Approval of 2017-18 Calendar

The calendar is very similar to the current year, with 183 student contact days (close to what we proposed in our charter application, above what is required as part of our contract). APS and DPS calendars were reviewed to inform this calendar.

M. Abrahams made a motion to approve the 2017-18 school year calendar.

Buffy Naake seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Committee Updates Roundtable

A. Development

The Spring Fundraiser is scheduled for May 3, 2017. Jen provided an update on JVA's work to date and shared examples of case statement documents developed by JVA. Jen will send documents to board members via email for review and feedback by February 17th.

B. Academic Excellence

Noel Magee arrived late.

V. High School Deep Dive

A. Tour of high school classrooms

Two students led board members on a tour of the high school, including brief observation of classrooms.

B. Talk with students

Board members asked questions and heard perspectives from the two students who led the tour. Students shared their reasons for coming to New Legacy, what they like about the school, the challenges they and their peers face as teen parents, and their aspirations for the future.

C. Talk with HS Director and teachers

High School Director Kelli Lisi provided an overview of what high school staff have been working on this year, areas where they have seen success, and areas they are working to improve. She highlighted the Intensives program and discussed with the board areas where they can use resource support (connections to experts in the community, fundraising for materials, expert speakers and hands-on experiences).

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

N. Magee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Philip Cooke seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Abrahams