



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING 6/8/2021 5:05PM**

**Present:** Brett Parrott, President  
Shubham Pandey, Superintendent  
Victoria White, Board Member  
Brian Hogan, Board Member  
Jane Kucur, PTO North Location  
Betty Hastings, Principal Royse City  
Bubba Finnell Jr., Board Member

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:05pm**
  1. Ms. Hastings volunteered to take minutes for the meeting.
- II. Approval of last Board Meeting minutes. By the board**
- III. Executive Session Superintendent**
- IV. Discussion Items**
  - 1. ESSER III Grant Discussion**
    - a.** With the ESSER III Grant there are three different Care Funds. They became complicated from step 1 to step 2 and step 3. These funds are different in every state. For Texas Only: The first set of Care Funds we received was in a very small amount like \$64,000 and it was based on our numbers two years back. It wasn't very fair on us because we have tripled last year and double this year. So the amount was small partly because of our numbers two years back. In the state of Texas, they really did not give us the \$64,000 because this money was adjusted per our ADA or what every money you receive from Texas. Their reasoning was we did not cut any funding because of COVID so we kept that budget. Any money that comes in the Care Fund we will try to use that money to pay anything back to us. The Care I Fund was basically given to us and then taken back from us. That is the best way to explain Cade Fund I. If Care I was One Dollar – Care II was 4.00 – and Care III was 10.00. The Care II was four times and

the Care III came ten times. For whatever reason the Care II description did not come to us until last week. Care III came a month before that. Care III is almost 12,000,000 for the school. It also requires us to create a plan. Its designed to:

- b.** Creating the Care Fund II involves making sure everyone is aware of this whole process. The whole process is to talk to your board members – stakeholders – parents – principals and figure out what the need is. It is basically given only to the schools that are Title I. If there are schools that do not have Title I funding or Title I requirement, then they do not get any Care funds. Our Title I schools are Mesquite and Greenville. We need to create a plan which we will present to the board for approval.
- c.** The first set of plans has to be approved for 800,000 – the second set of plans will be 400,000 which give us close to 1,200,000. This needs to be submitted by the end of July. We do have two months – we have started working on this plan. Today is our first step in making the board aware of the plans that were given to us. As part of the Care Fund they do require only one requirement out of us, that we use the funds to fill the gaps that have existed from COVID – You can spend it anyway you want as long as you have taken the input from all the stake holders, as well as board member and use it to fill the gaps.

Mr. Parrott asked, “When do we have to submit our plans” Shubham answered, “End of September”

- d.** Letting the board know – This is our initial process today. Hopefully by the end of June we will have created this plan. Then when we have a July Board meeting we will announce the plan we are submitting.

Mr. Parrott said, “Are we just talking about two campuses” Shubham replied, “The funding comes from the two campuses and because of the two campuses we received the funding.” We can use this funding for all the campuses.

- e.** Paul our financial guy and Gracy which works with Peims will make sure that we are not missing anything and everything is in order. We have two years to spend the funds.
- f.** Care II came in last week is the \$400,000. Those requirements have not come in yet. Again this is only for Texas. Once we submit the plan then Texas will release the funds. Other states they receive the funds and then submit the plans.
- g.** As far as we know today we will lump everything together – there might be rubrics that come out and they tell us this is what we need to do. There will be more information coming. The first step was to let the stakeholders know. We find out more information after today.
- h.** We will be reaching out to the PTAs and PTO to help send out surveys to our parents. Some items on the surveys: volunteers, list of programs, tutoring program, additional curriculum requirements, and where is the most need. This will help us in putting the Care Plan together. We will be giving choices to our parents on what we are proposing. We plan to educate our parents so they understand and agree to the plan.

- i. Care III is different and we cannot combine it with the other Care packages. We need to tell them how we will fill the gaps using this money.

## 2. **School Calendar Final**

- A. We are changing our calendar – we have a new format. Ms. Sneed is making our calendar. We had one calendar for the whole state now for this coming year we will have four different calendars. Reason when we had the winter storm - Greenville shut down then all us have to shut down because we have one calendar. Therefore, Rockwall county, Hunt county have their own calendar, Dallas county will have two different calendars. One for Mesquite and one for Dallas. Again the reason behind this if one shuts down then they both will have to shut down. Shubham, would like for the board to approve the calendar as four different calendars for this school year.
- B. **Our Web Site** – Ms. Sneed has also volunteered to update our website. The Group who was updated our initial web site, the CFO pass away so we are not sure when the website will be updated. This group is in India. We were to have everything up and running by July. I don't see that happening until August. We will update it as much as we can to give us a user ability for the next few months. We were able to update the "Skin" of our new website. The back end we are still working on this and it might get delayed. When the web site is done we will have a global launch. This will help us work together with the different states and our PTAA districts in these states. Our current website was not designed that way. Some of the campuses have added a link letting their parents know that the website is under construction and a link has been created in order to keep the flow on their campuses. Mr. Parrott asked, "We it remain in India the developers" Mr. Shubham, said, "For now yes, there is a very large group. The issue is the gentleman who was helping with the process is no longer there. We are working on this."

## 3. **Budget Review**

- A. Fate construct will wrap up in August, and the Greenville campus will be finished in March 2022. Most of our construction is almost done. We have asked TEA to increase our maximum number of enrollment from 3500 to 5500 students and it did get approved. If all of our campuses are full we already have a pre-approval from TEA on that. We are set with our current system as long as we do not add any more campuses in Texas.
- B. Most campuses should be close to 275 to 300. We have some more information sessions coming up. Beltline is wait listed. Fate has 300 students. Greenville is close to 600 kids. All the campuses should be close to wait listed.

## 4. **Board Scholarship Funds Next Steps**

- A. Brett asked Shubham to take off the scholarship funds for this session. He would like more discussion on this matter. To have each campus responsible for their own scholarships through PTECH. It really did not work out the way he thought it would at Greenville. Time might have been off. What if a committee was created just for this scholarship fundraising -

Brett has some ideas – has been talking with Tonya. We need to ask the PTO's and PTA's. Host a bike or a run walk – Keep the principals from running these scholarships – each campus has a leader for their sponsor – We can do a board meeting and have the PTO and PTA committee be there and discuss what would work out best. We need to have a committee who are willing to make those contacts.

**5. Board Retreat**

- A. We do have from each of our states – we have four or five session that will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup>. You can use these hours toward your continuing Ed. Location is at North Dallas Campus. Our Admins from the other states are also coming. We will have a morning session with the Board presenting. Take a break go see other campuses and then return in the evening for a social gathering. Admins will be required to come the other two days. Nevada 180 Head is coming, Admins from other states, Mrs. Stark TEA ED– PTECH in Texas, She, is also the head for about 22 different schools, Rudy key note speaker.

**V. Action Items**

1. **ESSER Stakeholders approval**- The board accepts the ESSER III Grant and understands. Now we are moving forward.
2. **School Calendar** - was approved by the board in having four different calendars for the up-coming school year
3. **Approve the Budget Update** - The board approved the updates to the 20-21 budget.
4. **Approve the Budget Update** - The board approved the 21-22 budget.

**VI. General/Public Comment – Nothing**

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Hastings, M. ED