**MINUTES**

**TIGER ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 23, 2014**

 **Noon**

**Yates Y**

The Tiger Academy Board of Directors held its annual meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Yates Y.

In attendance were John Baker, Peggy Bryan, Greg Atwater, Mia Jones, Nat Glover, Eric Mann and Jack Allen. Staff members attending the meeting were Susan Golden, Charles McWhite, Penny Zuber and Lauren Hopkins.

Chair, John Baker called the meeting to order at noon. Charles McWhite gave the invocation.

Chairman Baker called for approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2013 Board Retreat, the financials through December 31, 2013 and the addition of a new Tiger Board member, Shelly Boynton. All items were unanimously approved by the members.

Becky King and Harry Parsons from the audit firm The LBA Group presented to the members the results of the 2012- 2013 financial audit. It was explained that the audit was a “deep” audit that not only looked at the finances but compliance with the requirements of the contract with Duval County Public Schools such as fire drills, teacher certification requirements, etc. The result was a clean opinion of all financials and grants with no findings, no material weaknesses or control deficiencies. Each member received a copy of the audit. The results of the audit were accepted unanimously by a vote of the Board.

Mr. Baker next called for Committee reports. Greg Atwater, Chair of the Finance Committee reviewed the financials as of December 31, 2013. Revenues, expenses and variances were highlighted and discussed. Mr. McWhite gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the 21st Century Grant which is included in the Tiger and Metro Y financials. A new reporting requirement from Duval County that asks for documentation from the Board of Directors that they have reviewed the monthly financial report submitted to Duval County on the 20th was discussed. A recommendation was made and approved that gave the Finance Committee the authority to review and approve the monthly statements submitted to Duval County.

Jack Allen asked Lauren Hopkins, Development Officer for the Y to give the fundraising report. As of December 31, 2013, $147,196 has been raised and efforts are ongoing. Plans are being made for donor tours at Tiger. A support letter from member Peggy Bryan and the annual Donor Recognition event is scheduled for March 12, 2014 at Tiger Academy.

Susan Golden gave the Governance Committee report for chair John Delaney. During the last Governance Committee meeting on November 19, 2013, it was reported that all contractual requirements and deliverables to Duval County Public Schools are up to date. The committee also discussed the need for a meeting with Duval County School Choice officials to discuss the process for Tiger’s contract renewal process. That meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2014 at 11:00AM in the charter offices. A Board calendar is being developed. Members decided to honor former Tiger Board members with the title of “Founding Board Member”. Ambassador John Rood, who has recently resigned from the Tiger Board, will receive that title. In other business the Governance Committee recommended that John Baker remain as Chair for this year and Tom Baker serve in the role of Vice Chair. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the recommendation.

Mr. McWhite, Principal and Susan Golden, Executive Director gave a Tiger update. Current achievement data was discussed as well as plans underway to raise the school accountability grade. It was noted that all future Tiger meetings for this year and next year will be at Tiger Academy due to construction at the Yates Y.

There being no further items of business or public comments the meeting was adjourned to the executive session. The discussion during the executive session focused on succession planning for the positions of principal and executive director. There was also a discussion on the state corrective action plan which will be required by the state in the event Tiger receives a D grade this school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Golden, Executive Director

Approved: Board of Directors Chairperson

John Baker, Chairperson