



**Oakridge Neighborhood
June Board Meeting
June 25, 2024
Hybrid Meeting – Oakridge Neighborhood**

Attendance:

Dr. Andrea McGuire; Joyce McDanel; Diana Dubuisson; Skylar Mayberry-Mayes;

Remote Attendance:

Jamie Buelt;; Marcy Baker; Sharon Gaddy-Hanna; Timothy V Haight; Matt Haney; Michael A. Hutney; Nalo Johnson, PhD; Emily LeMay; Kuuku Saah; Martine Olson-Daniel; Marcy Baker; Erin Kuhl; Rona Berinobis; Kent Kramer;

Board Not In Attendance:

Mary Johnson; Albert Farr; Jessica Feeney; Mark Wiltse; Deidre Williams;

Staff Attendance:

Almardi Abdalla; Kristin Arnold; Kristin Clayton; Bethany Davis; Chris Irvine; Kristin Littlejohn; Pat Palmer; Sheri Fitzpatrick; SYEP Inter Muqados Ibrihim;

I. Call to Order

- a) Dr. Andrea McGuire called the February 2024 Oakridge Board Meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

II. Mission Moment

- a) Skylar Mayberry-Mayes, Executive Director of Grandview College spoke briefly about a memorable moment at the commencement ceremony for Des Moines Public Schools. Skylar was stopped by one of the graduates that recognized him from being part of the Oakridge. 7-8 students who were graduates, as well as Oakridge residents gathered together with Skylar for a picture. Skylar said there was such a sense of pride with these students and their accomplishment.

III. Consent Agenda Approval

- a) Dr. Andrea McGuire presented the following items for approval:
 - Board Meeting Minutes – April 2024
 - May Financials

Move: Martine Olsen-Daniel **Second:** Tim Haight **Status:** Passed

IV. Oak Academy Working Group Update

- a) Kudos to Bethany Davis for participation in a childcare panel for Fearless Focus- A look at solutions to Iowa's child care challenges, June 20, 2024
- b) Skylar Mayberry-Mayes & Bethany met with contacts at Grandview College
 - 1. Opportunity for Oakridge to assist Grandview students who may want to receive an early childcare endorsement–Grandview does not currently have an Early Childhood Education degree
 - 2. Grandview receptive for Oak Academy to attend and participate in ongoing job fairs
 - 3. Grandview receptive to a students know of job opportunities at Oakridge and highlighting Bethany as a Grandview Alumni
- c. Oak Academy Workgroup Meeting set for Friday, June 28th to discuss Oak Academy and to tour the facility
- d. Bethany is scheduled to meet with Dr. Ian Roberts, Superintendent of the DMPS to discuss opportunities for current teachers or teachers that may be retiring
- e. Oak Academy Working Group Updates
 - 1. Created a 1-page flyer with talking points for Oak Academy
 - 2. Great participation of all participants of the group
 - 3. Opportunity to use Kristin Arnold as a testimonial as having an Early Education Under graduate degree
- f. Oak Academy received a level 5 QR4K rating

IV. Committee Updates

- a) Search Committee Updates
 - 1. Timeline shared
 - 2. Formal Update to Search committee on 6/27/2024
 - 3. Update for Board in July
- b) Governance Committee
 - 1. Annual Review of Committee Charter
 - 2. Review of current Board Members with terms
 - i. Potential for 3 terms (3 years each) with permission to extend
 - ii. Board composition of 24 with maximum of 25
 - iii. Dates of individuals with upcoming year expiring
 - 3. Request for board members to share names of prospective members to the Governance Committee

V. Finance Committee Report

- a) Kristin Clayton presented an update of the Finance Committee meeting.
 - 1. Budget and cash flow projections reviewed
 - 2. Tuition revenue low due to staff shortage in Oak Academy
 - 3. Finance Committee to take a deeper dive at the committee level for cash flow through the end of the year
- b) Kristin presented Board Resolution to withdraw funds from Community Foundation Account for approval

Move: Tim Haight

Second: Jamie Buelt

Status: Passed

VI. CEO Update

- a) Incidents on Oakridge campus
 - 1. Injury resulting in death of an employees' child
 - i. Staff support and community education through media and positive community publicity
 - 2. Shooting of a teenage resident
 - i. Staff support, low publicity
 - ii. Police investigation continues
 - 3. Management team met to facilitate the following
 - i. Reaching out to Des Moines Police Department to build rapport and teamwork for security of Oakridge residents
 - ii. Reaching out to Mayor Connie Boesen to discuss need on campus
 - iii. July 3-6 the campus will be closed from 8 pm – 4 am for all non-residents
 - iv. Added security will be provided by Signal Security for weekends starting this July holiday weekend
 - v. New security cameras have been installed – offers better resolution and coverage
 - vi. Revision of shifts of the security staff
- b) Royal View Update
 - 1. City put out a new RFP - no obvious changes to original RFP
 - 2. Discussion regarding opportunity, lack of fit for Oakridge and possibility of Oakridge offering management skills should a new buyer emerge
 - 3. Decision to allow the deadline to pass without a bid from Oakridge
- c) Anawim
 - 1. Cynthia Latham and Kristin Clayton had an informal meeting and agreed to look at dates for each organizations Executive committees to meet and discuss opportunities.
 - 2. Executive team to receive a doodle poll to offer availability of meeting and date to be set for July.

VII. Other Business

- a) Staff Farewell party set for June 26 at 2 pm
 - a. Kristin Arnold, VP of Strategic Planning is relocating to Austin, Texas
 - b. Basam Hagos, Case Manager , Adult & Family relocating to Dallas, Texas
 - c. Vicki Williams, Education Coordinator and Prepare to Care Coordinator is retiring

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Please contact Sheri FitzPatrick at sfitzpatrick@oakridgeneighborhood.org if you have any questions, corrections, or additions to this document.