

## **Compass Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (3/23/2020)**

**Board Members Present:** Russ Brown, Chris Whitman, Gina Curler, Irene Nissen, Anthony Burrell

**Board Members Excused:**

**Compass Head of School Present:** Jan Harrison

**Guests:**

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the March, 2020 board meeting was conducted via this Zoom meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/503090015>

Gina Curler called the meeting to order at 1810. Chris Whitman read aloud the CCCS Mission Statement.

Chris Whitman moved to approve the consent agenda, Russ Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board started with financial updates. There will need to be a correction to the revised budget due to the impact of COVID-19 on fundraising. Gina Curler will send an email to Dawn Priday with the necessary updates. Otherwise we are on track relative to expenditures. There are lots of open questions for the budget process for next school year. May 15 is the due date with PSD for the 2020/2021 school year budget. Given all the things in flux, we aren't sure if this due date will move.

Jan Harrison provided an update based on conversations with Dawn Priday about a contingency budget for 2020/2021 school year due to the impact of COVID-19. Jan is also having conversations with the landlord to think ahead for rent situations for next year.

The board then moved on to discussing board elections. Chris Whitman and Anthony Burrell are up for re-election this year. The position of Treasurer is an appointed position, so Anthony Burrell's would be appointed and not need to run for re-election. Chris Whitman will run for re-election as Board Secretary in May. The board then discussed additional candidates who could potentially run for election in May. Gina Curler, Russ Brown and Jan Harrison will continue to work with potential candidates before the April board meeting.

The board then moved on to some COVID-19 updates. Russ Brown provided an update of what he, as a teacher, intends to do with his students. Anthony Burrell also provided an update on what is happening at his school and in New Orleans in general.

Regarding the on-line lessons CCCS staff will be conducting, Irene Nissen suggested providing micro-recordings of CCCS online lessons for others outside of the CCCS student community to consume, to help market the unique CCCS approach to learning. Gina Curler suggested that all Navigator updates going forward should have information/updates based on COVID-19.

The board then moved on to a discussion around the Guidebook. Gina Curler talked about ways we can more clearly communicate Human Centered Design and the Competencies, in a way that's more digestible. How can we communicate the "why" behind these topics? Irene suggested also making the document a bit more timeless by removing references to specific school years. Gina suggested that under the Intensives section that we communicate that all students are not in all the subjects at once.

The board moved back to a conversation around impact of COVID-19 with regard to staff and students. Jan Harrison provided an update that, currently, there are no known cases of infection amongst the students and staff.

The board then ended with a discussion on 2020/2021 school staffing, and potential positions to fill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:40.