



Hello Stargate Community,

As we move into 2018, the Board continues to work to review current operations to identify areas of improvement related to test scores and adjustments to our growing community. During the next few months, they will be evaluating the current operations model and may be recommending changes. The Board will engage with the community as more information is available.

## COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE BY JANUARY 19

Don't miss out on your chance to have your opinions heard anonymously through the School Accountability Committee's (SAC) annual [Parent Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey](#) (Staff members have their own survey to complete and links were sent directly to them from the SAC). Results and recommendations are shared each spring with the Board and the Stargate community as one measure of progress toward the school's performance goals.

## BOARD TRANSPARENCY

The Board updated the [Communications Pathway](#) at the October Board meeting. You can find a copy of it on the governance website or by clicking [HERE](#). We encourage all of our community become more familiar with this policy and, when concerns arise, to follow the steps that it outlines in order to ensure the most effective and timely response.

To get the most up-to-date information as it's available, we welcome you to attend a meeting in person. You can also find information on the governance website to help navigate the public Charter School world by clicking the [Charter School 101 tab](#). The schedule of meetings for the 2017-2018 school year is posted on the governance website, on the school's Google calendar, and in advance on the official Stargate School Facebook page and the new electronic sign in front of the school.

## JANUARY 17, 2018 - BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Board met on January 17<sup>th</sup> for their regular business meeting. The formal minutes from the January meeting will be approved at the February meeting and will be posted to the Governance Website once approved. Approved minutes from previous meetings can be found [HERE](#) or in the [Forms and Files Tab](#) in section 002. Below are the highlights of the topics covered during the meeting:

- Received the operations update from the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer
- Received an update on construction activities related to the Bond allocation
  - Construction has started on the building expansion and is estimated to be complete before the start of the 2018-2019 school year
  - Opportunities for community input on the quiet study areas will be coming soon
- Reviewed the mid-year report with the Grant Committee with updates on successful grant applications as well as plans for future requests
- Reviewed and approved a new [Board Definitions Policy](#) to add clarity to admissions priority (the policy is now posted on the governance website and in the [Board Policy Manual](#))
- Reviewed and approved a first reading of a new policy for Stargate Email Use and continued work on the Communication & Complaint Policy (second readings of these policies are planned for the February meeting)
- Discussed updates to the school website related to [financial transparency](#), ADA Compliance updates, and plans for a Finance Town Hall to give the Finance Committee the opportunity to provide additional information to the community about the state of the school's finances (date to be determined)
- Approved membership with Employers Council to help manage HR and compliance items
- Discussed the items related to resolutions of current complaints
  - All 6 of the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) complaints have reached resolution and have now entered into the monitoring phase to show compliance with updated policies and procedures
  - Discussed current changes to processes related to resolution of OCR complaints, some of which are listed below:
    - Lynne Allen, CFO, has been temporarily identified as the Title IX coordinator
    - The school has identified 504/IEP coordinators to provide additional focus to the process. Linda Hunt will manage the process with support from the school counselors at each building.
    - The school has updated the admissions policy, website, and community handbook to meet requirements by OCR on proper documentation requirements
- Continued Personnel discussions in executive session

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM to discuss mid-year performance metrics in executive session with the Executive Director and the CFO. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Stargate. If you have a question for the Board, please send an email to [governance@stargateschool.org](mailto:governance@stargateschool.org).

Thank you!

Jan Kulmann, President  
Stargate School Governance Board