

Introduction

Good evening, esteemed members of the board. I'm Angelica Jackson, CEO of PISOTA. Tonight, I'll provide updates on our academic performance, enrollment numbers, financial status, staffing changes, community partnerships, and our upcoming priorities.

Academic Performance and Updates

We've just begun our benchmark testing this week using iReady. This assessment is crucial as it provides us with real-time data on student performance across various subjects, allowing us to tailor our instruction and interventions effectively.

Last year's test scores from our founding scholars established our baseline, highlighting math as an area requiring significant growth. I've uploaded the aggregate MCAP ELA and Math test scores to the board book for your review.

To address this, we've implemented several strategies:

1. All math courses are now equipped with additional curriculum materials from Cambridge, including consumable workbooks.
2. Our honors-level courses have access to Thinkverse, an AI math tutor. This tool aims to increase fluency in foundational skills necessary for grasping higher-level and high school concepts.
3. School administrators are preparing to launch the school's tutoring program by the end of this calendar year.
4. IXL self-paced intervention software will be available to families at the beginning of the second quarter.

Enrollment and Retention

As of today, our enrollment stands at 248 students. While CCPS has provided an enrollment timeline, I plan to request permission to enroll additional students from our waiting list to reach our target of 250. This aligns with the Maryland charter school statute and should be permissible.

We've identified bottlenecks in the enrollment process between CCPS and our PISOTA team, causing delays. To streamline this, we're revamping our entire enrollment system. We're transitioning from SchoolMint to Avela due to persistent customer service issues with SchoolMint since our first year of implementation.

Financial Update

A comprehensive financial update will be provided later in this meeting. However, I'd like to highlight a few key points:

1. The Board Chair and I will begin documenting our review of bank and credit card statements with our signatures for increased transparency.
2. EdOps and I are in the final stages of preparing this year's budget.
3. We urgently need the Board to elect a Treasurer. Rest assured, we will provide comprehensive training and support for this crucial role.
4. Our Fundraising and Events committee is developing an implementation plan for our new fundraising strategy. We need to raise \$200,000 to break even this school year through a combination of grants, individual donor appeals, and corporate sponsorships.

5. I'm pleased to report that we've received a clean audit with no substantial findings. The first week of October I have a meeting with Maria Navarro, CCPS Superintendent of Schools,

Staffing and Board Update

We're currently fully staffed, with the exception of a special education teacher who is in the final stages of the district's background check process. On that note, I'd like to remind all board members to complete their fingerprinting and background check process with CCPS if they haven't already done so.

Our principal has scheduled staff meetings for the entire year, and our assistant principal, as the instructional lead, has begun meeting with staff to ensure they understand how to use Canvas, Synergy for inputting grades, and our curriculum resources.

I'm happy to report that our faculty is collaborative and passionate, often staying late in the building. I'm scheduling one-on-one meetings with our operations team members, food services, and building services staff, with whom we meet weekly.

Pending the award of the CSP grant, we plan to hire a business operations manager, preferably someone with a CPA background, and an outreach manager.

Community Partnerships

Our Phoenix Arts Creative Camp after-school program has launched successfully. September focused on music production, songwriting, and transferable creative skills applicable to many careers. October will highlight the fashion and costume design industries.

Upcoming Priorities

1. Planning the board retreat scheduled for November 1st.
2. Developing a 5-year pro forma that addresses our current liabilities.
3. Streamlining board administration and management.
4. Finalizing the hiring process for new staff positions and completing the nonprofit employee handbook.
5. Continue supporting the school admin staff and teachers as they settle into the year

Thank you for your attention. I'm now open to any questions or discussions you may have.

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