



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: THINC

Present: Bill Stump, Ted Arnold, Kevin Patrick, Dr. Shaundre Brown, Deana Brown

Other: Gerald Wyatt, Regan Mock, Dr. Brian Shumate, Brandon Brooks, Brooke Sparks, Buddy Lee, Dr. Chris Williams, Jennifer Pike, Mitch Key

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

- Welcome- Bill Stump, THINC Board Chair
- Motion called for approval of August minutes- Bill Stump
 - 1st Ted Arnold, 2nd Dr. Shaundre Brown
- P&L- Gerald Wyatt, THINC CEO
 - Larger items in actuals:
 - Accounting Fee of \$1,600.00
 - Final Audit Invoice \$3,500.00
 - 3.5% of budget spent thus far with \$458,221.52 remaining
 - YTD including carryover
 - Randy Jackson Scholarship is currently at \$79,365.00
 - International Business will travel to Italy in April where one student will be sponsored. Students applying for the scholarship will complete an application along with submitting an essay.
 - Cash on Hand: \$1,680,294.61
 - Projected Ending Balance: \$1,664,079.59
 - Motion to approve financials
 - 1st Dr. Shaundre Brown, 2nd Ted Arnold
- Audit- Gerald Wyatt, THINC CEO
 - The audit showed zero exceptions and no findings.
 - Financials passed.
 - Eric Mosley, THINC Finance Chair, is exploring additional auditors to ensure we receive the best deal.
- Staff Introduction- Gerald Wyatt
 - Brooke Sparks, English, is in her second full year at THINC. Previously Mrs. Sparks taught college and GED classes. At THINC she loves the focus on career and college readiness along with the flexibility instructors are given to incorporate into their standards and classes.
 - Buddy Lee, Drafting and Design, has been at THINC for four years and taught two and a half year at West GA Technical College. Currently Mr. Lee is teaching mechanical



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design and 3D printing in his classroom. In addition to teach, Mr. Lee is an advisor for the THINC Robotics Alliance.

- Board Recommendations- Gerald Wyatt
 - Deana Brown- Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Troup County School System
 - Dr. John Head- Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Experience, LaGrange College
 - Valarie Williams- Dean of Academic Support Services, Point University
 - Kim Weaver- Education Supervisor, Education & Workforce Development, GA Power
- CEO Report- Gerald Wyatt
 - Recent events on campus- CTSO Leadership Training, Ambassador Training and CTSO Cookout
 - THINC Blood Drive is this Thursday from 9:00-3:0.
 - Business & Education Summit will be held October 5 & 6 at Great Wolf Lodge.
 - Various speakers will be there to speak on innovation with a feature on THINC Academy and include a THINC panel.
 - THINC Ambassadors will be on site to assist with registration and facilitation along with presenting awards.
 - There are roughly 180 people registered currently.
 - NCAC Conference is November 15-17 in Orlando, FL.
 - THINC will present for master instructor for NCAC with Aidan Blackwell and Jennifer Pike facilitating.
 - THINC is the only career academy with a master instructor in the nation and will help other College and Career Academies understand what is required to become a master instructor.
- Principal Report- Dr. Chris Williams, THINC Principal
 - There has been a spike in discipline this year. Students are having a difficult time adjusting after being out on virtual learning.
 - 65%- 9th grade
 - 20%- 10th grade
 - 10%- 11th grade
 - 5%- 12th grade
- TCSS Update- Dr. Brian Shumate, TCSS Superintendent
 - There has been a spike all over with discipline issues, not just within the Troup County School System.
 - COVID positive cases for students was at 270 four weeks into school and is now down to 27.
 - Vaccinations will begin at the schools for middle and high school students.
 - Dr. Shumate shared his beliefs in the Career Academy model and the NCAC.

Adjourned.