

City Swim Project/Buffalo Tide
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Attendees: Mike Telesco, Mike Switalski, Rich Bleichfeld, Annetta Williams, Jessica Smith, Barrett Erbe, Nekia Davis, Kristy Russell, Rick Marable, Dennis Wilson, Jean Lalomia.

Absent: Yvonne Dubois, Charisse Freeman, Jocelyn Guthrie.

The Executive Board Meeting of the City Swim Project/Buffalo Tide was called to order at 6:03 PM on Thursday, May 18, 2023 via Zoom conference, Buffalo, New York.

- 1) Call to Order. 6:03 PM.
- 2) Roll Call.
- 3) Approval of March 16, 2023 Minutes.
 - a) Motion to approve minutes with corrections as discussed: Mike T. Second: Annetta W. Approved.
- 4) Approval of Agenda for May 18, 2023.
 - a) Motion to approve the May 18,2023 agenda: Barrett E. Second: Kristy R. Approved.
- 5) Committee Reports.
 - a) Programming. Mike S.
 - 1) We are at 340 swimmers. This is our maximum.
 - 2) We have a wait list of 165.
 - b) Growth and Infrastructure. Mike S.
 - 1) We have had 505 applications, up 42% from this time in 2022.
 - 2) 256 are new applications. 249 are renewal.
 - 3) Renewal families had first option until January 1, 2023.
 - c) Branding and Marketing. Mike T.
 - 1) Making updates on the website as needed.
 - 2) No other updates.
- 6) Financial Report. Mike S.
 - a) \$65,000 in bank. \$12,000 outstanding bills including payroll.
 - b) Receipts for reimbursements for the City of Buffalo have been submitted. \$70,000 anticipated.
 - c) \$2,000/month from United Way.
 - d) \$1,000-\$1,2000/month from membership dues.
 - e) Wilson Foundation monies, \$145,000, late September/ October.
 - f) Erie County Prime Time \$7,500 in June.
 - g) Still coming is \$10,000 from the Youth Bureau.
 - h) Mike S attended the City of Buffalo budget meeting on 5-16-2023. Requested an increase for our program.
 - i) Key Bank has been contacted and will consider supporting us.
 - j) Lamont W focusing on funding from the academic end.
- 7) Academic Program Overview. Mike S.
 - a) Data presentation. IXL report. Now past assessment mode and working toward individualized curriculum plans. Certificates of Completion are awarded as each child achieves a given level.
 - 1) Discussion held.
 - 2) The slides need to be more specific. Skills and mastery levels should be spelled out.
 - b) Tutoring is on-line. Supervision keeps children on task. Done on location at the YMCA. Additionally, user names and passwords given out to allow usage at home.
 - c) Children can work on lessons before or after swimming. 50-60 coming through per night.
 - d) Correlation with actual school curriculum? Working to align.
 - e) Request for presentation explaining our academic piece by the program's supervisor, Sue.

- f) Parent support/ reactions? Positive. Approximately six are involved in the sessions.
- 8) Buffalo Public School Update. Mike S.
 - a) Channel 7 video shared. The School Board now wants to meet with the parents.
 - b) Suggestion: The team of Mike T, Yvonne D, and Kristy R should attend any meeting the parents attend to support and provide pertinent information parents may not know. Discussion held.
 - c) May 30th is the date for the meeting with USA Swimming, World Aquatics, and BPS.
- 9) Closed Session. Personnel Discussion.
 - a) Motion: To move to closed session. Jessica S. Second: Annetta W. Approved.
 - b) Motion: To end closed session: Rick M. Second: Mike T. Approved.
- 10) Old Business.
 - a) None.
- 11) New Business.
 - a) None.
- 12) Adjourn
 - a) Motion: To adjourn: Rich B. Second: Barrett E. Approved. 7:58 PM.

Next Meeting: TBD.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted: Jean Lalomia