



Regular Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, April 27, 2021 – 4:00 PM
 Zoom Video Conference

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I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is being held in compliance with Open Meeting requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Philadelphia Daily News. Formal action will be taken.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	x		Alexandra Panichello		
Emily Ashe	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Ira Brind	x		Tom Rebar	x	
Paul Bucco			Renee Rosenbluth	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Valerie Schwartz	x	
Charles Freyer	x		Gail Singer	x	
Valerie Hanraty	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Bonnie Young		

Also present were John Amenda, Kevin Corcoran, Elyn Saft and YSCS staff and faculty members: Chazin, Lamilla, Smith, Birnkrant, Buchanan, and Stokes; and guest Samantha Banks.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Committee Connection
1. Honoring Bob Fox- Messrs. Churchill, Amenda and Brind, among others, spoke warmly of the loss to YSCS and the community generally by virtue of Bob's passing.	Winston Churchill	N/A
2. DEI Update, Board Retreat Discussion Mr. Amenda began by discussing the YSCS Commitment to Equity and Anti-Racism, including wide-ranging policy reviews and a commitment to a Culturally Responsive Teaching Curriculum and the various frameworks under consideration to implement it. The MAEC Family Survey Results showed general satisfaction by parents with the school program and an interest in continued partnership, communication and relationship building. A goal is to increase the school's	School Leadership & DEI	DEI Coach Buchanan explained his focus on working with the students over their time at YSCS in a CCR program to answer the questions: Who Am I?, Where Am I From?, and What Can I Do?

<p>visibility in the community and the more than 31 zip codes YSCS students come from. One avenue is more teacher outreach to parents and neighborhoods.</p> <p>A brief discussion on the nature of a proposed YSCS Board retreat concluded that a series of mini retreats on pre-announced topics would be more effective than a full day program. Mr. Amenda explained the new Board on Track software that will expand and organize communications with and among the Board members.</p>		
<p>3. Reopening Update YSCS resumed in person teaching on a hybrid model starting April 12, with care to COVID mitigation procedures. Testing identified only one positive case and no evidence of spread.</p>	School Leadership	N/A
<p>4. School Performance, PSSA and High School Placement YSCS meets or exceeds student growth measures, PSSA's will still be conducted next school year in Pennsylvania, as of now, although hopefully for information only and not for use in high school placement YSCS is in year 3 of its 5-year charter renewal. YSCS has placed all but 6 of its students in high schools. Students were placed in 4 catholic schools, 11 charter, 1 independent and a number of District high schools. YSCS has retained 90%+ of its staff for next year and thanks to Federal funding will be adding positions to address the needs of the school community in light of COVID and associated learning impact. It will also offer summer school to all students.</p>	John Amenda Devon Buchanan	School Performance High School Admissions
<p>5. Financial Interest Forms and Board Self Eval-Mr. Amenda reminded Board members of the need to complete these forms.</p>	Katherine Lamilla John Amenda	Governance
<p>6. Financials, 21-22 Budget, Staffing model, and ESSER III/ARP Planning. The school remains in a healthy financial position, thanks to Federal funding related to COVID, lasting through 2023-24, which will help it weather the expected drop in per pupil reimbursements from the District in 2022-23.</p>	Kevin Corcoran	Finance and Audit
<p>7. Long Term Facility Planning; Approval for Sale and Concept Designs. Mr. Brind, who has been instrumental in the success of this effort, reviewed the arrangements for the</p>	Building Committee	Building

<p>purchase of the YSCS building by the new entity Friends of Young Scholars. Mr. Freyer announced his resignation, and that of Mr. Bucco from the YSCS Board and all related officer positions at YSCS, as they will become directors of Friends of Young Scholars at its organizational meeting on April 28. Mr. Churchill thanked Mr. Brind and the rest of those associated with this effort for all their hard work and success. Mr. Amenda reviewed the building plans, and noted that if YSCS were to receive approval to expand its student body, the expanded facility could serve up to an additional 100 students.</p>		
<p>8. Capital Campaign Discussion-A discussion on this matter concluded that consideration of using campaign consultants was not appropriate at this time</p>	<p>John Amenda</p>	<p>Development</p>

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-The following resolution was made, duly seconded and approved unanimously:
 Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting.

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Esther Kaplin	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Bonnie Young		

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL The following matters and documents, after suitable presentation by Mr. Amenda and discussion, were approved unanimously (with Mr. Freyer abstaining as to all matters related to the Friends of Yong Scholars and its purchase of the YSCS building), on a motion duly made and seconded:

1. Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous

- a 2021-2022 Budget
- b 2021-2022 Staff Salaries
- c 2021-2022 School Calendar
- d Updated Procurement Policy
- e Resolution for Building Purchase
- f Guaranty Agreement
- g Loan Agreement
- h Third Mortgage YSCS Lender
- i Promissory Note

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VI. NEW BUSINESS -None

VII. OLD BUSINESS-None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please be aware that all Charter School employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander per the laws of Pennsylvania. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board. None present

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is expected that the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, legal matters and facility negotiation matters.

Executive session was called to review a legal matter.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

1. Next Board meeting- Tuesday, June 8, 2021

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN