



Regular Meeting Agenda
 Monday, October 7, 2019 – 4:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER - called to order at 4pm

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.

*Followed by moment of silence for Miriam Spector

II. ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Tom Rebar	X	
Ira Brind	X		Renee Rosenbluth		X
Dana Dwirantwi	Phone		Valerie Schwartz	X	
James Egan			Gail Singer		X
Charles Freyer		X	Blair Stambaugh	X	
Robert Fox		X	Wayne Weisman	Phone	
Valerie Hanraty	X		Bonnie Young	Phone	
Sanjeev Midha	X				
Alexandra Panichello	Phone				

Additionally, John Amenda, Becca Chazin, Kristen Tini, Katherine Reinert, Ellyn Saft, Beth Birnkrant, Shakira Smith, and Kevin Corcoran attended the meeting.

III. DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Executive Director Updates

- a **Update from Math and Reading Content Teams-** Mr. Amenda opened with RELA/Content team introductions. Ms. Birnkrant and Ms. Smith shared culture and curriculum updates since the last meeting. They shared initiatives and goals, explained the “wins” and “raise the bars”. “Wins” include: the average paycheck has been over \$100, student support protocol is positive, teachers have been using systems for strong management, there has been an increased use of chants and cheers, there is a positive school culture as a whole, and staff has been using the Kickboard system to drive practices and needs of students. “Raise the bars” include: uniforms, gum chewing, students without hallway passes, and improved transitions between classes. They also shared that pushing rigorous instructions in the classroom, using data on a regular basis, and consistent weekly coaching is showing progress and growth across staff and students. They then framed the structure of the content leads to drive student achievement and instructional leadership. Math Content Lead, Ms. Frank, talked about using IXL and classroom structure, and how content is being utilized across all grades. Reading Content Lead, Ms. Barbati, talked about the ANet structure and how it is utilized in the classroom.
- b **Dashboard Review/Power Goals Review-** Mr. Midha began by explaining that we are on track with measuring student expectations. Mr. Amenda then went through the Power Goals and referred to the dashboard, showing that the metrics are all green. He also went through goals set from last meeting and what has been updated. The school has a 96% student attendance rate, however, the transition to public transportation caused some difficulty with tardiness.

2. Finance & Audit Committee

- a **Financial Summary-** Mr. Corcoran of Charter Choices reviewed the financial summary and statements, characterizing them as being all positive. He reported that starting in October the school will be receiving more money from the district. He then explained the benefit of stakeholders and their impact on the current legislative situation. Mr. Churchill recommended that an ad hoc committee for legislative activity be created. The Advocacy Committee includes Win Churchill, Bonnie Young, Clair Stambaugh, and Ira Brind. A motion to approve this committee was made, seconded and approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the ad hoc committee for advocacy was put before this board and is hereby adopted and approved.

- b **Financial Statements**

3. Development Committee

- a **Fundraising Update - YTD Results-** Mr. Amenda reviewed the fundraising results.
- b **2019 Fall Celebration-** The event is a week from tomorrow and the \$100,000 fundraising goal has already been exceeded. There is 100% participation from the board.

4. School Performance Committee- Goals were covered by Mr. Amenda in his update, no further report was offered by the Committee.

5. High School Admissions Committee- Mr. Dattilo has been with 58 of 87 families about high school admissions. He will go to a Club 14 event, where 30 schools meet once a month, and he will give a presentation about the student achievement at YSCS. Having the board write recommendations for students was also discussed.

6. Governance Committee- No Report

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Regular session minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Tom Rebar	X	
Ira Brind	X		Renee Rosenbluth		X
Dana Dwirantwi	Phone		Valerie Schwartz	X	
James Egan			Gail Singer		X
Charles Freyer		X	Blair Stambaugh	X	
Robert Fox		X	Wayne Weisman	Phone	
Valerie Hanraty	X		Bonnie Young	Phone	
Sanjeev Midha	X				
Alexandra Panichello	Phone				

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous

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.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

1. 2019 Fall Celebration- Tuesday, October 15, 2019
2. Next Board Meeting- Tuesday, December 3, 2019

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Resolved, its business having been conducted, this meeting is hereby adjourned.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Tom Rebar	X	
Ira Brind	X		Renee Rosenbluth		X
Dana Dwirantwi	Phone		Valerie Schwartz	X	
James Egan			Gail Singer		X
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