



Regular Meeting Agenda
 Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 4:00 PM
 Meeting Location:
 900 N. Marshall Street – Philadelphia, PA 19123

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		Sanjeev Midha	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Alexandra Panichello	X	
Ira Brind			Lois Pressman	X	
Paul Bucco			Tom Rebar	X	
Dana Dwirantwi			Renee Rosenbluth		
James Egan			Valerie Schwartz		
Charles Freyer	X		Gail Singer	X	
Robert Fox			Blair Stambaugh	X	
Valerie Hanraty	X		Wayne Weisman	X	
Esther Kaplin	X		Bonnie Young		

Also present were John Amenda, Katherine Reinert, Elynn Saft, Kevin Corcoran and members of the YSCS Science team. Mr. Churchill called the meeting to order at 4:05

III. DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Executive Director Updates

- a Science Team Intro-the members of the Science team introduced themselves and discussed the new curriculum they have introduced, which has led to our students exceeding the national average rate of growth in science, according to test results. The members of the team noted that there was a need for more classroom materials for demonstrations and hands-on study; and recommended more targeted interventions for underperforming students in the lowest quartiles
- b Dashboard review – generally positive and showing improvement over last year in some key areas
- c YSCS Building Sale and Long Term Facility Discussion- a committee convened by Mr. Churchill and led by Mr. Brind is evaluating alternatives in this regard, including alternate locations for the school. YSCS has been at its current location since 2009, during which period the area has gentrified substantially, prompting the landlord to see to cash out through a sale. However, the YSCS lease has three more years to run and a 5-year renewal option at the school’s discretion.
- d Special Education Funding Cuts and Advocacy Update-the Governor’s budget poses a threat by reducing the per pupil payment for SPED students; if applied to YSCS, it could mean a reduction of approximately \$600,000 per year for the foreseeable future; organized charter school advocacy is protesting against adoption of the change
- e HS Placement Results -see report of High School Admissions Committee
- f 2020-2021 Budget Preview-draft budget is under review by the Finance Committee
- g 2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar the 2020-21 academic year will start August 10 for teachers and August 19 for students, and classes will run through June 4

- h Statement of Financial Interest forms-Katherine will post a link to enable Board members to complete the form online
- i Covid-19 preparations / Response– A discussion about Covid-19 preparations touched on aggressive preventative actions by the school (weekend deep cleaning; surface wipe downs 3X/day: etc) The Board urged Mr. Amenda to use one of the snow days that were not used this year to have an in service day to allow teachers to prepare for virtual teaching in case the school needs to be closed-using Google Classroom on the students’ Chrome books, home internet/mobile hotspots. The in service day will be 3/16.

2. Finance & Audit Committee

- a Financial Summary: Mr. Rebar and Kevin Corcoran reported that YSCS is on track for a %5 margin (\$234,000) this year, and has \$1MM in assets which will grow by about \$200,000 when PRCS makes its contractual payment; the Finance Committee is reviewing a draft budget for fiscal 2021.
- b Financial Statements

3. Development Committee

- a Fundraising Update - YTD Results and Development Report-see report in the Dropbox
- b 2020 Fall Event- Mrs. Saft reported that the date of the event is October 20 at a venue TBD-format much like last year; sincere thanks to Sanjeev Midha, James Lovett and their wives for being event chairs; there will be a Young Friends of Young Scholars gathering on May 7, 2020
- c EITC Reminder

4. School Performance Committee-Mr. Midha noted that, generally, the students are showing improvement against performance goals

5. High School Admissions Committee-100% of the graduating 8th graders have placed in to one or more quality high schools-commendations to Mr. Dattilo.

6. Governance Committee -No report

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the the Regular session minutes from the January 14, 2019 meeting of this Board are hereby approved.

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

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous

- a. YSCS Control of Communicable Disease Policy
- b. YSCS Homebound Instruction Policy

On motion made and duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Control of Communicable Disease and Homebound Instruction Policies for YSCS are hereby approved as presented.

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.-No members of the public attended the meeting.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It is expected that the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, legal matters and facility negotiation matters.- No Executive Session was deemed necessary or convened.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

1. Next Board Meeting- Tuesday, May 5, 2020

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Sanjeev Midha	X	
Emily Ashe			Alexandra Panichello	X	
Ira Brind			Lois Pressman	X	
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