



**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
 Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – 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 J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Emily Ashe		x	Tom Rebar	x	
Ira Brind	x- late		Valerie Schwartz	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Gail Singer	x	
Valerie Hanraty	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Josephine Wang	x	
Alexandra Hay		x	Bonnie Young	x	

**Also present- John Amenda, Becca Chazin, Katherine Lamilla, Kristen Tini, Ellyn Saft, Kevin Corcoran and Devon Buchanan**

**III. BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS**

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Committee Connection
<b>School Leader Update-</b> Mr. Amenda shared a previously recorded video by Co-Principals, Beth Birnkrant and Shakira Smith who both gave updates on instruction and school culture.		n/a
<b>Open Discussion of Q&amp;A re: Executive Director Narrative Update-</b> Mr. Amenda reviewed school updates features in the Executive Director narrative update. The school’s instructional model is full time in person learning with all covid safety protocol observed. Sports are postponed through January and February. Afterschool tutoring has been successful so far and enrollment is increasing. The school has exceeded its’ fundraising goal. Students exceeded the MOY national average on NWEA MAP growth. For the school expansion project, work on getting community and council support is ongoing. 22-23 budget and staffing model	All	

planning is underway. A comprehensive data report will be provided at the next board meeting reaging MOY impact.		
<b>Committee Updates-</b> High School Admission & Alumni Engagement- Devon Buchanan shared the list of high school acceptances to date. He also reviewed the new goals for high school admissions and priorities, including starting the high school process early and building relationships with high schools. School Performance & Curriculum- No update. Development- Mr. Churchill and Ms. Saft reported that the school has exceeded its' annual fundraising goal of \$250,000 and will continue to implement fundraising efforts. DEI- Ms. Hanraty reported that the committee is continuing to work educational materials and working to connect directly with the school based Equity and Active Citizenship Committee. Governance- No update.	Various Chairs	All
<b>Financial Summary and Statements-</b> Mr. Corcoran gave an update on financial statements and the financial summary. All metrics are reportedly healthy with draft budget in progress for 22-23.	Kevin Corcoran Tom Rebar Wayne Weisman	Finance
<b>Statement of Financial Interest forms-</b> Board members must fill out their financial interest forms for the 2021 calendar year. <b>Policy for Review-</b> Student Expression Policy. Board members will review this policy and it will be put forward as a motion for approval at the next board meeting. <b>Civility Policy Follow-up-</b> Mr. Amenda gave the board additional information about this policy before putting forward for approval, clarifying that the policy is specifically for building grounds and this policy does not apply to events that happen outside of school.	John Amenda Ira Brind	Governance

**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 December 14, 2021 meeting.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Emily Ashe		x	Tom Rebar	x	
Ira Brind	x- late		Valerie Schwartz	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Gail Singer	x	

Valerie Hanraty	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Josephine Wang	x	
Alexandra Hay		x	Bonnie Young	x	

**V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL- The following documents, after suitable presentation by Mr. Amenda and discussion, were approved unanimously on a motion duly made and seconded:**

**a Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous**

1. Procurement Policy Using Federal Funds- Updated Procurement Thresholds Effective January 1, 2022
2. Civility Policy
3. Student Expression Policy- 1<sup>st</sup> Review

**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.

**XIII. IMPORTANT DATES**

1. Next Board meeting- Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Emily Ashe		x	Tom Rebar	x	
Ira Brind	x- late		Valerie Schwartz	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Gail Singer	x	
Valerie Hanraty	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Josephine Wang	x	
Alexandra Hay		x	Bonnie Young	x	