



Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 14, 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	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, Kevin Corcoran, Samantha Banks and Ellyn Saft

III. BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Committee Connection
Open Discussion of Q&A re: Executive Director Narrative Update- Mr. Amenda reviewed school goals and a potential grant opportunity. It was decided that the YSCS team will begin sharing a quarterly newsletter with the Board that includes student/school activities.	All	
Financial Summary and Statements- Mr. Corcoran gave an update on financial statements and the financial summary. The school is financially healthy and the audit showed no findings. The team will start working on the 2022-23 budget in January. The Capitalization Policy was discussed and approved.	Kevin Corcoran Tom Rebar Wayne Weisman	Finance
Policy Review, Bylaws Edits- The Board approved the proposed bylaws edits of having 3-year term limits and updating the size of the board to being no more than 22 members. Policies (Student Searches Policy, Threat	John Amenda Ira Brind	Governance

Assessments Policy, Youth Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response Policy and Civility Policy) were discussed, and the Board approved three- Student Searches, Threat Assessment, and Youth Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. The Civility Policy will be reviewed further and will be approved at the next Board meeting.		
Student Athlete Vaccination Mandate- Becca Chazin discussed this mandate which states that student athletes should be vaccinated in order to participate in after school sports. It does not require board approval – it is only a directive.	John Amenda Becca Chazin	n/a
Committee Reports- High School Admission & Alumni Engagement- Lois Pressman gave a report on the committee meeting, including information about an alumni tracking project, alumni board members, and staffing support for the high school admissions process. School Performance & Curriculum- Sanjeev Midha gave his report on the committee meeting, including information about refining committee goals/calendar/committee actions and enrollment practices. Development- Win Churchill and Ellyn Saft gave a committee report and thanked the board members for their participation and contributions. The committee is hopeful for a fall event that will be geared toward a capital campaign. DEI- Alexandra Hay gave the committee report. They plan to put together a glossary of terms for the Board.	Various Chairs	All

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 October 26, 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	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 matters and 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. Student Searches Policy
2. Threat Assessments Policy
3. Youth Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Response Policy
4. 21-22 School Goals
5. Capitalization Policy

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Esther Kaplin mentioned board participation in more student activities and ways to see what is happening in the school.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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, February 1, 2022

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Winston J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
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Ira Brind		x	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