



Regular Meeting Agenda
 Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – 4:00 PM
 Zoom Video Conference

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

III. Board Governance- The following resolution was made, duly seconded and approved unanimously:

- a To approve James Brown as a Board of Trustee with the following terms: 3/2022-3/2025

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, Ellyn Saft, Samantha Banks, Kevin Corcoran

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic	Facilitator(s)	Committee Connection
School Leader Update- 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
Open Discussion of Q&A re: Executive Director Narrative Update- Mr. Amenda reviewed key details with the board on the following topics: 2022-2023 Budget, 2022-2023 Schedule and	All	

<p>Staffing Model, 2022-2023 Annual Calendar, Building Update, Fall Event and Fundraising and Policies Up for First Reading. Based on staff, parent and student feedback, we are changing staffing model and academic calendar next year. A school-based committee of leaders and teachers have met weekly to review feedback and data to make improvements to our schedule, program and staffing model. The needs assessment revealed a desire for lower student rosters and more time for daily math and reading instruction, more opportunity for leveled instruction in math and reading, more robust expressive arts offerings and additional co-teaching supports.</p>		
<p>Committee Updates: High School Admission & Alumni Engagement- Lois Pressman and Dana Dwirantwi mentioned the progress being made with high school acceptances. A list of high schools where students were accepted was sent to the board after the meeting. School Performance & Curriculum- Sanjeev Midha discussed highlights from the MOY Impact Report. Academic and adult culture and performance management goals are on track. The main question from parents regarding next year’s admissions is about the lack of bus transportation for 10- and 11-year-olds. Development- Ellyn Saft talked about the annual fundraising event, which will take place on September 28th. The fundraising target for 2022-2023 will increase by \$100,000 for a total goal of \$350,000, seeking to raise \$1,250/student to ensure sustained programming. DEI- Alexandra Hay and Valerie Hanraty will be meeting with the school’s Active Citizenship & Equity Committee to talk about ways the board can work with the school on DEI initiatives. Governance- Ira Brind discussed three policies that are up for first review, including Service Animals in School, Public Participation in Board Meetings, Trauma-Informed Approach, as well as the final reading of the Student Expression policy.</p>	<p>Various Chairs</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Financial Summary and Statements and 22-23 Draft Budget- Kevin Corcoran gave an update on federal funds. Expenses are steady and we are</p>	<p>Kevin Corcoran Tom Rebar Wayne Weisman</p>	<p>Finance</p>

meeting metrics by every margin. The school is in a healthy financial position.		
Statement of Financial Interest forms- Board members must fill out their financial interest forms for the 2021 calendar year. Policies up for Review- Service Animals in School, Public Participation in Board Meetings, Trauma-Informed Approach- Board members will review these three policies and they will be put forward as motions for approval at the next board meeting.	John Amenda Ira Brind	Governance

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The following resolution was made, duly seconded and approved unanimously: Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the February 1, 2022 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	
James Brown	Late		Gail Singer	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Valerie Hanraty		x	Wayne Weisman	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Josephine Wang	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Bonnie Young		x
Alexandra Hay	x			x	

VI. 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. Amendment to the bylaws that will allow John Amenda, CEO, to be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board
2. 22-23 School Calendar
3. 22-23 Draft Budget (inclusive of salaries)
4. Student Expression Policy- 2nd and final reading
5. Public Participation in Board Meetings Policy- 1st Review
6. Service Animals in School Policy- 1st Review
7. Trauma Informed Approach Policy- 1st Review
8. Revised Minutes from September 10, 2020 Board Meeting to include Approval of LIEP Policy

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Winston J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Emily Ashe	x		Tom Rebar	x	
Ira Brind	x		Valerie Schwartz	x	
James Brown	Late		Gail Singer	x	

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS- None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS- None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT- No members of the public participated in 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.

X. 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, May 3, 2022
2. 5th Annual Career Day- Friday, May 13, 2022
3. 8th Grade Graduation- Wednesday, June 15, 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		Valerie Schwartz	x	
James Brown	x		Gail Singer	x	
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Blair Stambaugh	x	
Valerie Hanraty		x	Wayne Weisman	x	
Esther Kaplin	x		Josephine Wang	x	
Sanjeev Midha	x		Bonnie Young		x
Alexandra Hay	x			x	