



Minutes of the Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 - 4:00 PM

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 may be taken.

A quorum being present, Mr. Churchill called the meeting to order at the appointed time and asked that the roll be called.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Also attending were John Amenda, Kevin Corcoran, Becca Chazin, Ellyn Saft and Katherine Reinert

Mr. Churchill then asked for a motion regarding adoption of the minutes of the September meeting.

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

Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the September 5, 2018 meeting.

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

Mr. Churchill then turned the meeting over to Mr. Amenda.

III. DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Executive Director Updates

- a **Dashboard** John reviewed the dashboard noting the gap between current achievement levels of 15% in Math and 31% in Reading, and the targets of 41% and 50%, respectively. The school plans to start individualized interventions this coming week to address the students needing the most help. Attendance at the start of the year has been quite good.
- b John commended the Development Committee on its successful efforts which have already exceeded our targets for the year (including \$170K in sponsorships for the celebration, a \$25K grant from PSP, a \$50K gift from Robert Fox, and \$45K from the Perkins Hunter Foundation.
- c Enrollment Update. The school is fully enrolled at its increased complement of 290 students
- d Transportation Cost Analysis -John reviewed the data he had already assembled with regard to bussing costs in 2019-20; Sanjeev agreed to follow-up with bus companies using that data to determine a marginal cost that we could offer the District to maintain service our 7th and 8th graders
- e PSP Grant Update- John explained that cash was tight at PSP which resulted in a deferral of the \$100K grant we had expected
- f New Laptop Financing- John also discussed the options for purchase or lease of new computers for staff, and solicited the Board's guidance. Mr. Brind and the Finance Committee will look into the matter in more detail and report at the next meeting, but the consensus was to buy all the machines at the same time, rather than in fits and starts, to avoid dissent among the staff.
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2. Finance & Audit Committee

- a Financial Summary- Kevin reported that we were in satisfactory shape, awaiting a payment from PRCS that was expected shortly, and that we would be in line with or ahead of budget shortly
- b Financial Statements

3. Development Committee

- a Development Report- The Committee gave a brief report commenting on its efforts to date, and their success.

4. School Performance Committee- No report

5. High School Admissions Committee-No report

6. Governance Committee- No report

IV. NEW BUSINESS - None

V. OLD BUSINESS- None

VI. 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 were present.**

VII. 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.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

- 1. 20th Anniversary Celebration - October 17, 2018, 5:30 - 7:30pm
- 2. Next Board meeting - November 28, 2018

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:40PM.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	x		Alexandra Panichello		
Emily Ashe	x		Lois Pressman	x	
Ira Brind	x		Tom Rebar		
Dana Dwirantwi	x		Renee Rosenbluth	x	
James Egan			Valerie Schwartz	x	
Charles Freyer	x		Miriam Spector	x	
Robert Fox			Blair Stambaugh	x	
Valerie Hanraty	x		Wayne Weisman	x	
Kevin Kan			Bonnie Young		
Sanjeev Mid ha	x				

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Freyer, Secretary