

Regular Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 – 4:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER - 4:05pm

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. Mr. Churchill called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Alexandra Panichello	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Ira Brind	X		Tom Rebar	X	
Dana Dwirantwi	X (by phone until 4:19pm)		Miriam Spector	X	
James Egan		X	Blair Stambaugh		X
Charles Freyer		X	Judi Temple		X
Valerie Hanraty	X		Wayne Weisman		X
Kevin Kan	X		Bonnie Young		X
Sanjeev Midha	X				

a Board Composition and new membership vote

On a motion by Mr. Churchill, duly seconded, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that this Board hereby elects and warmly welcomes Robert Fox a member of the Board of this corporation, effective immediately, to serve in accordance with its bylaws.

III. UPDATES

1. School Director Update

a College & Career Rotations Update from Students

Principal Campbell was joined by 3 students: Makayla Jones, Aisha Ali, and Yunis Abdul Kareem Idris. Students shared with the board their experience of CCR thus far, including their favorite parts of those classes. The students highlighted learning life skills including budgeting, gaining exposure to journalism and public art, and in general being prepared for the outside world / future. Students also shared that teachers have introduced the portfolios, where students will process and document their growth and learning over time. A theme across each was that they enjoy learning about things outside the school walls.

2. Executive Director Update

a Dashboard Review

- b Renewal Process Update – *Application will be submitted by Friday; school expects to hear decision from the district by the spring.*
- c Enhanced Core Values (PRIDE) – *Mr. Amenda introduced new staff core values aligned with the new students core values.*
- d Building Update – *October 1 delivery of the newly built out space is expected; school will not be required to pay rent on additional space until fully delivered.*
- e Enrollment Update

Grade	August 1, 2017	September 6, 2017
6	75	75
7	90	89
8	91	86
Total	256	250
Waitlist		
6	5	10
7	15	20
8	0	0

3. Finance & Audit Committee

- a *Smooth start to school year; too early to do EOY projections, but keeping an eye out for variables:*
 - 1. *Actual SDP reimbursement to schools—SDP published initial rate for 17-18 school year (4% increase), but in previous 2 years, actual rates updated in March/April; therefore, we budget conservatively and expect 0% increase.*
 - 2. *Fundraising and development progress to targets*
- b *Line of credit finalized with WSFS bank – enables us to draw cash in an emergency*
- c *Audit nearing completion – expect a draft by end of October*
- d *Repayment of School District debt from 2015-16 billing over enrollment cap – we are repaying over 4 months by being paid at a lesser value than usual*

4. Development Committee

- a *Fundraising goal: \$600k;*
- b *John to send out development materials as a follow-up – materials outline the requested donation amounts & what programs they would fund*
- c *Challenge grant – key part of strategy; hope to secure a matching grant of \$300K; ask for Board to give, at each’s own discretion*
- d *Upcoming event – Do Gooders sponsored evening event Oct 19; JoAnne Wurzak; YSCS will be sole beneficiary*
- e *Development structure moving forward: coordinator position open; to circulate job description*

5. School Performance & Planning Committee

- a Discussion of proposed 17-18 school goals

6. Governance Committee

- a *Suggested committee assignments; if trustees have a desire to serve on a different committee; please reach out to Win*

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting of this Board, as presented to the members of the Board in advance of today's meeting, are hereby adopted as presented.

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

RESOLVED, that the 2017-18 School Goals as presented to this Board by Mr. Amenda 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 were present or spoke.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A brief Executive Session was convened to discuss personnel, legal and facility matters.

XIII. IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

1. YSCS Inaugural Education Forum | *Equity in Education* | Wednesday, October 11, 3:00 – 5:00pm
2. Renewal Site Visit | Tuesday, October 24 (Board Attendance Not Required)
3. YSCS Board Meeting | Wednesday, December 13, 4:00 – 6:00pm

XIV. This meeting of the Board adjourned at 5:10pm.