

Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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.

Mr. Churchill had the meeting called to order at 4 PM

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. UPDATES

1. Executive Director Update

- a **Dashboard Review** In the dashboard review John noted (i) the attendance challenges posed by the weather this year and some lack of responsiveness to attendance interventions; and the major contributions made to fundraising by the Young Friends of Young Scholars group.

- b **Discussion Topics:**

- 1. **Renewal Recommendation/Amendment Approval/Renewal Agreement**

Noting that the Charter School office has not only recommended YSCS for a five-year renewal, but has also recommended approval of the addition of 52 additional seats for YSCS, spread across its three grades. These are major steps forward, in John’s opinion and a very positive product of the school’s performance under his leadership. He noted that there are some 57 charters who have pledged to not sign their renewal documentation, due to issues with the rewrite of the charter format by the District that happened earlier this year. Philadelphia Charters for Excellence and other like-minded groups have taken it upon themselves to negotiate improvements to the format in discussions with the District. John and Chuck Freyer will attend a session hosted by these groups later this week and make a recommendation to an ad hoc Committee comprised of them, Sanjeev Midha, Win Churchill and Blair Stambaugh on whether or not to sign the YSCS charter by the June 18 deadline. The Board gave this Committee provisional authority to implement their decision on signing.

It was also noted that that the school was seeking support from PSP for the 52 new seats, either as a result of the growth they represent, or as a teacher/leader incubation grant. Win and John will pursue this funding.

2. **Career Day Recap**—John reported that the day was well subscribed thanks to donors and friends and that the kids got hear from quite a number of potential future career prospects for themselves. Separately, Wells Fargo Bank has agreed to provide sessions of financial literacy training to our sixth graders next year.
 3. **Apply Philly Charter**-This is an online universal application format for charters being recommended by PSP and rolled out by the Charter Schools Office. John felt it would be beneficial for YSCS to adopt it.
 4. **20th Anniversary Celebration** – Sponsorships The school will serve a s a clearinghouse for distributing sponsorship packages to potential sponsors identified by Board members
2. **Finance & Audit Committee**- Little change since last meeting except for a further increase of \$80K cash balance.
 3. **Development Committee** – Young Friends leads the charge
 4. **School Performance & Planning Committee**
 5. **Governance Committee**
 6. **HS Admissions Committee**- There were very few private school admissions this year. More emphasis will be placed on exploiting our connections with high performing private high schools by the incoming placement officer. He will also start grooming students for such placements, and working with their parents, starting in 6th grade.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** 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 May 7, 2018 meeting.

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

V. **MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL** On a motion duly made, seconded and approved unanimously the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, (i) that the YSCS 2018-19 budget, as reviewed at the May meeting of this Board, is hereby formally adopted, the 30 day waiting period having expired; (ii) that YSCS shall participate in the Apply Philly Charter application process, and that its Executive Director shall execute all documentation appropriate to that end; (ii) that the Committee comprised of Win Churchill, Chuck Freyer, Blair Stambaugh and Sanjeev Midha is hereby granted authority to further explore the terms of the YSCS Charter renewal agreement and if they deem is satisfactory, to execute same on behalf of YSCS; and (iv) that the Board approves the proposed meeting dates for the 2018-19 academic year, as previously distributed to the Board for review.

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Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Tom Rebar	X	

Ira Brind			Renee Rosenbluth		
Dana Dwirantwi	X		Valerie Schwartz		
James Egan			Miriam Spector		
Charles Freyer	X		Blair Stambaugh	X	
Valerie Hanraty			Judi Temple		
Kevin Kan			Robert Fox		
Sanjeev Midha	X		Wayne Weisman	X	
Alexandra Panichello	X		Bonnie Young		

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

The chair asked if anyone wished an executive Session, but no one felt that one was needed at this time.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES – John reminded all about the upcoming YSCS graduation as follows:

1. Graduation @ Penn Charter – June 12 6:30 pm
William Penn Charter School
The Kurtz Center for Performing Arts
3000 W School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Resolved, this meeting is hereby adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Winston Churchill	X		Lois Pressman	X	
Emily Ashe	X		Tom Rebar	X	
Ira Brind			Renee Rosenbluth		
Dana Dwirantwi	X		Valerie Schwartz		
James Egan			Miriam Spector		
Charles Freyer	X		Blair Stambaugh	X	
Valerie Hanraty			Judi Temple		
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