

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Young Scholars Charter School (“YSCS”)
March 15, 2017**

The meeting was convened on March 15, 2017 at 3:30 PM at Young Scholars Charter School. This Board of Trustees meeting was held in accordance with Public Meeting Law i/a/w/ Section 4 of the Sunshine Act. Attending in person or by phone were Trustees Dana Dwirantwi, Kevin Kan, Winston Churchill, Wayne Weisman, Chuck Freyer, Tom Rebar and Miriam Spector. In addition to the Trustees, the meeting included guests from Young Scholars Melissa Campbell, John Amenda, Lauren Marlowe, and A.J. Ernst; Ellyn Saft; and Mike Whisman from Charter Choices.

The meeting began with a welcome from Board Chair Winston Churchill and a review of the meeting’s agenda.

The Board considered approval of the January 24, 2017 Board meeting minutes. The motion, made by Mr. Churchill and seconded by Mr. Weisman was unanimously approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the January 24, 2017 meeting of this Board, as presented to the members of the Board in advance of today's meeting, are hereby adopted as presented.

School Director Ms. Melissa Campbell shared a brief update with the board, emphasizing the school’s recent focus on math preparedness for upcoming state testing (PSSA).

Mr. Amenda then reviewed school performance measures per the Board Dashboard. He also provided a status update on the building lease negotiations. The school expects to extend the lease another 5-6 years, as the current lease expires in 2018. The Board discussed the option to renovate undeveloped space in the building, and determined to do so only if it would allow a solution for unmet programmatic needs.

Mr. Amenda then presented the final rebranding package, including an updated mission and vision, student core values, and logos. The Board considered approved of the School’s “revised identity” branding materials, with delegation for Mr. Amenda to adjust specific language. The motion, made by Mr. Churchill was seconded by Mr. Freyer and was unanimously approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Revised Identity branding materials, as presented to the members of the Board in advance of today's meeting, are hereby adopted with delegation to Mr. Amenda improve final language.

Next, Mr. Amenda shared an update on the School’s Shared Services Agreement with Paul Robeson Charter School. After a brief discussion, Mr. Amenda committed to set up a separate call at a later date to share cost projections for the Shared Services Team and to discuss the best way to structure the Agreement. There was no Board vote at this time.

Mr. Amenda then introduced Mr. Ernst, Director of High School Placement, who spoke to the board about the School's progress with High School Placement for the 2017-18 school year. The Board discussed appropriate measures for success, and expanding the School's focus on student placement in rigorous college-prep High Schools, to include alternative options that might be a better fit for a student's strengths and needs. Further discussion also included measures for more effectively supporting and engaging alumni.

Mr. Churchill then moved the Board on to committee updates.

School Performance shared an update from the recently released School Progress Report (a city-wide annual report); per which the school was cited as #1 in growth among its peer group. Mr. Amenda committed to circulate analysis of the full report upon completion. The Board also reviewed the School Performance Profile (a state-wide annual report), and the Annual Charter Evaluation. The Board discussed dipped performance due to indicator changes & ways the School is working to address moving forward.

Governance shared a brief update on contracts and other issues that have arisen, but are being addressed by the committee.

Finance and Audit shared an update, along with Mr. Whisman. The committee informed the Board that budget is tight, due to reimbursement rates from the District decreasing to 4.9%; therefore, fundraising is imperative to build up cash reserves. If fundraising target is met, the School will have a projected fund balance of \$100,000. The committee also shared that TD Bank has been approached for a line of credit.

Development reminded the Board of the Luncheon & Showcase event on April 20, and urged board members to invite their friends. Ms. Saft shared plans to follow-up with Trustees to meet and discuss involvement in fundraising efforts moving forward.

Mr. Churchill then moved the Board to discuss and vote on final item on agenda.

The Board considered approval of the Young Scholars Audit. The motion, made by Mr. Churchill and seconded by Mr. Rebar was unanimously approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Young Scholars Charter School Audit, as presented to the members of the Board in advance of today's meeting, is hereby adopted as presented.

Mr. Churchill then opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment. A brief executive session was held, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles C. Freyer, Secretary