



Regular Meeting Minutes
 Thursday, June 2, 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	
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				

Also present- John Amenda, Becca Chazin, Katherine Lamilla, Kristen Tini, Ellyn Saft, Samantha Banks, Kevin Corcoran, Beth Birnkrant, Shakira Smith

III. BOARD DISCUSSION TOPICS

Topic	Facilitator(s)
School Leader End-of-Year Overview- Co-Principals, Beth Birnkrant and Shakira Smith gave updates on instruction and school culture. They talked about challenges, successes and their hopes for the 2022-2023 school year.	Co-Principals, Shakira Smith and Beth Birnkrant
Open Discussion of Q&A re: Executive Director Narrative Update- Mr. Amenda reviewed key details with the Board on the following topics: Beat the Odds recognition, talent update, school-based planning committees, student enrollment, renewal application and advocacy. Philadelphia School Partnership identified YSCS as a Beat the Odds school. Their study showed that the school is making academic gains for students in high needs areas and YSCS students learned 39.2% more each grade than peer schools nationally and achieved 1.5 grade levels above peer schools nationally over a 10-year period. The recruitment team has supported school leaders in their retention of 95% of our current staff. The new staff model, designed by teachers, better meets the needs of students and is more sustainable for teachers. Planning committees with a focus on Curriculum, Special Education and School Culture are meeting regularly to inform program and develop a comprehensive	All

<p>professional development series to ensure effective implementation and regular progress monitoring. We are currently fully enrolled for next year and plan to maintain enrollment between 300-305 students.</p>	
<p>Committee Updates: High School Admission & Alumni Engagement- Lois Pressman talked about priorities for next year and how to set goals for a successful high school admissions position. She mentioned the importance of the school’s high school guide. School Performance & Curriculum- Sanjeev Midha talked about how all performance goals are relatively positive when looking at the dashboard. PSSA results will come out in the summer. Development- Ellyn Saft talked about the upcoming Fall event at the Fidler Club on September 28th. The team also exceeded the annual campaign fundraising goal. The team will also continue working on foundation work. DEI- Valerie Hanraty discussed meeting with the school’s Active Citizenship Committee and how the Board will continue to work on quarterly initiatives and figure out ways to champion the school committee. Governance and Planning & Property- Ira Brind talked about how plans for the building are moving forward. Win Churchill mentioned the Career Path Profile Project, an alumni project that is being worked on by an outside consultant, along with a small Board committee.</p>	<p>Various Chairs</p>
<p>Financial Summary and Statements- Mr. Corcoran reviewed the school’s financial summary. The school continues to meet every metric that the school district tracks.</p>	<p>Kevin Corcoran Tom Rebar Wayne Weisman (Finance)</p>
<p>Policies Update- Mr. Brind discussed the current policies that have been updated this past year. Ed Diasio is continuing to review and update the school policies and put them into a uniform template. This process will continue throughout the next several months. The updated Student Attendance policy is up for its final review and approval.</p>	<p>John Amenda Ira Brind (Governance)</p>
<p>Renewal Application- Mr. Amenda and the school team are working on the renewal application, which is due July 15. We are currently approaching and/or meeting all of the standards mentioned in the application, including academic success, organizational compliance and financial health and sustainability according to the ACE.</p>	
<p>Facility planning, furniture, fixtures and equipment plan- Mr. Amenda talked about investing in new furniture for the school building this summer and how the team is working on plans to replace all current furniture and approach it in a more modular sense. This will encourage and promote collaboration and innovation.</p>	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The following resolution was made, duly seconded and approved:
Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the May 3, 2022 meeting.

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Winston J. Churchill	x		Lois Pressman	x	
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Alexandra Hay	x				

V. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

- a **Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous-** The following documents, after suitable presentation by Mr. Amenda and discussion, were approved unanimously on a motion duly made and seconded:

1. Student Attendance Policy- 2nd and final reading
2. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar
3. PRCS/YSCS Shared Services Agreement
4. Updated ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance

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VI. NEW BUSINESS- The Board and staff discussed how counselors have been supporting students, staff and families with trauma caused by recent mass shootings and hate crimes. The school has extensive protocols in place for safety.

I. OLD BUSINESS- None

II. 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.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the 2021-2022 School Safety and Security Coordinator Survey/Report and legal matters.

XIII. IMPORTANT DATES

1. 8th Grade Graduation- Wednesday, June 15, 2022

XIV. MOTION TO ADJOURN

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