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Washington Latin

Minutes

Monthly Board of Governors Meeting

March Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Directors Present
A. Graham, B. Caldwell (remote), B. Williams-Kief (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), H. Rawlings (remote), K. Merritt, L. Ballenger (remote), L. Rucker (remote), P. Mara (remote), T. Morgan (remote)

Directors Absent
C. McGurn, C. Wilkinson, K. Osagie, N. McCoy

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Graham

Guests Present
B. Clausen (remote), C. Davis (remote), C. Gifford (remote), J. Kelly (remote), K. Cromwell (remote), P. Anderson (remote), Y. Tse (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

K. Merritt called a meeting of the board of directors of Washington Latin to order on Thursday Mar 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Ballenger made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board of Governors Meeting on 02-03-22.
B. Caldwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Caldwell	Aye
P. Mara	Aye
H. Rawlings	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye
N. McCoy	Absent
C. Wilkinson	Absent
K. Osagie	Absent
L. Rucker	Aye
C. McGurn	Absent
T. Morgan	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
A. Graham	Absent
K. Merritt	Aye

II. Growth Update

A. Dashboard Review

- Review of the Growth Dashboard
- Most are still in the green; a few areas yellow (stakeholder engagement, facilities, advocacy)

III. Head of School Report

A. Most recent updates

Recent School Events

- Successful beginning to Dialogues Across Difference
- Speaker Series Event with our own teacher, Brittany Lee-Bey, on etymology
- One lockdown due to an incident in the neighborhood which happened in the midst of emergency preparedness planning

COVID Update

- 97% of the faculty is vaccinated; 90% of students are vaccinated; 137 cases since August, but only 1 case in the last 14 days

DC PCSB Mid-Year Report

- Have not had a PMF since 2019
- We were compliant in all areas except three including Board meeting minutes submission on time, so encouragement to submit email approval of Board meeting minutes
- We have had 29 contracts, 7 bids were submitted, and we have been compliant with contracts
- Middle School attendance: 96%
- Upper School attendance: 94.7%
- Students with a suspension: 2.4% (higher than sector average but lower than high school averages in the city)
- Out of School Suspension Data: we do see disproportionailty within our data with at-risk students and special education students.
- 14.5% of at-risk upper school students have been suspended at least one time
- Although we have seen improvement in these numbers since the 2019-2020 school year, we do still see disproportionate numbers of at-risk students suspended
- We are continuing to address this and do not take it lightly.
- We are working on filling a vacancy for the Assistant Principal for Student Life role.

A. Graham arrived.

B. Q&A on written report

IV. Academic Excellence

A. High level summary of most recent committee meeting

B. The Washington Latin Curriculum: Quick Refresher

Assistant Principal Bill Clausen presented on the four key elements of the curriculum

- Moral issues
  - Seminars
  - Importance of discussion of issues
- Common Core Standards
- Teacher Choice

- Academic Indices
  - The most crucial content students should know when they leave a class
  - Each department agrees on key academic indices

C. Enrollment Update

- Lottery deadline has closed
- 666 applications for Cooper Campus
- Important is when a school is ranked in the top 3
- Applications dipped last year and is now above 3000 with the new campus opening

V. Development

A. Update

- Encouragement to be a "super host" for the Sweet 16 Gala
- Let Cynthia know so she can start to schedule
- We think funding from the city will be higher than anticipated

VI. Governance

A. Fast tracking one candidate

- Excited to fast track Josiah Osgood, current chair of the Classics Department at Georgetown University

B. Other committee business

- Education Board Partners talked with members of the Governance Committee to talk about Board member recruitment
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VII. Executive Session

A. Facilities Committee Report

- Update on renovations progress at Edgewood Street
- Update on traffic and parking challenges at Edgewood Street

L. Ballenger made a motion to Enter into Executive Session.
B. Caldwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Mara	Aye
C. Wilkinson	Absent
T. Morgan	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
C. McGurn	Absent
L. Rucker	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
K. Osagie	Absent
L. Ballenger	Aye
N. McCoy	Absent
H. Rawlings	Aye

- In Executive Session, Board members discussed ongoing real estate negotiations for a permanent site for the Cooper Campus

B. Caldwell made a motion to end Executive Session.
A. Graham seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

H. Rawlings	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
N. McCoy	Absent
P. Mara	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye
C. McGurn	Absent
C. Wilkinson	Absent
K. Osagie	Absent
C. McFadgion	Aye
T. Morgan	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Merritt