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Minutes

Monthly WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - November 2023

via ZOOM webinar

Date and Time
Thursday November 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
via ZOOM webinar

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Directors Present
A. Graham (remote), A. Jesseman (remote), B. Caldwell (remote), B. Williams-Kief (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), E. Paisner (remote), F. Perera (remote), J. Osgood (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Rucker (remote)

Directors Absent
L. Ballenger, P. Jayachandran

Guests Present
C. Davis (remote), D. Smith (remote), G. Izurieta (remote), J. Kelly (remote), K. Cromwell (remote), K. Roberts (remote), L. Chia (remote), Myra Brooks (remote), P. Anderson (remote), T. Porter (remote), c. WLPCS (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Williams-Kief called a meeting of the board of directors of Washington Latin to order on Thursday Nov 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Osgood made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - October 2023 on 10-12-23.
C. McFadgion seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Rucker	Absent
P. Jayachandran	Absent
L. Ballenger	Absent
A. Jesseman	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
C. Wilkinson	Absent
J. Osgood	Aye
K. Merritt	Absent
F. Perera	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
B. Caldwell	Absent

II. LEA Report

A. Quick Update from 2nd Street

James Kelly mentioned that there are 3 new appointments at 2nd St. November is the start of the second quarter and so far, 2nd St has established a strong classroom culture.

There is ongoing concern about safety issues in the neighborhood.

B. Quick Update from Anna Julia Cooper Campus

Spirit week at AJC was a success.

There are still a few positions open at AJC. Khashiffa Roberts is hopeful that these will be filled soon.

4301 Harewood Rd NE plans and renderings were shared with families during the AJC Cooper Cafe on Oct 10 Tue. The AJC community is excited and eagerly await more updates.

C. Executive Report

Peter Anderson highlighted the traffic safety concerns at AJC. The congestion is impacting AJC pick up and drop off.

Mr. Anderson also reminded the board that a charter amendment application would be submitted in January to the DC PCSB requesting approval in the change of the site location of the Anna Julia Cooper Campus from 711 Edgewood St., NE to 4301 Harewood Rd., NE (the site of the former Kirov Academy Ballet School), effective as of August, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year. Pending approval, the 4301 Harewood Rd, NE property will become the permanent home for Washington Latin's second facility. The board previously voted to acquire this site as the future home for the Anna Julia Cooper Campus.

III. Governance

A. Board prospects

Lisa Rucker gave an update about board prospects. There are 5 candidates under consideration. They are referrals from the board and/or from the parent community. It was suggested that perhaps new prospects can join committees before joining the board.

Lisa Rucker is working on a board calendar and will share it with the board when it is ready.

B. Strategic Plan

Peter Anderson introduced Myra Brooks, who presented the vision of the strategic plan and facilitated an in depth discussion among the board members about the board's individual and collective role(s) in governing The Latin Way.

The progress/problems/plans of the 4 priorities, and the leadership lessons learned during the strategic planning process, were talked about.

- priority #1 - Challenge all learners to grow
- priority #2 - Diversity & Integration
- priority #3 - Human Flourishing

- priority #4 - Sustainability

Ken Merritt asked the board to consider/comment how they are feeling about the strategic plan and if they are feeling a sense of ownership of that plan.

Myra Brooks recommended the following board commitments.

- alignment
- oversight
- two way communication

IV. Quick Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

Geovanna Izurieta shared the September 2023 financials, and elaborated on the Annotated Financials.

The following Key Performance Indicators (KPI) are trending positive.

- days of cash
- gross margin
- grants invoiced
- DSCR (Debt Service Coverage Ratio)

Geovanna Izurieta requested the board to vote on the DRAFT financial statement audit, which does not include a management control letter.

B. Caldwell made a motion to approve the DRAFT financial statement audit.
C. McFadgion seconded the motion.
This is a DRAFT and any significant discrepancies should be reported to the board. The motion to approve the DRAFT financial statement audit is subject to the review by the Audit Committee of the FINAL financial statement audit including the management control letter.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Williams-Kief	Aye
L. Ballenger	Absent
K. Merritt	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
A. Jesseman	Aye

Roll Call

A. Graham	Absent
F. Perera	Absent
B. Caldwell	Aye
J. Osgood	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent

B. Academic Excellence

Josiah Osgood gave a quick synopsis of the Oct 26 Thu Academic Committee meeting.

Peter Anderson mentioned that the challenging work of shifting recruiting and enrollment patterns to achieve a more diverse student body will be looked at in the coming months.

There was a brief discussion about 2nd St enrollment and attrition at the upper grades.

C. Facilities Committee

Tom Porter said that the immediate goal(s) of the Facilities Committee is to complete the design and balance the budget.

D. Development Committee

Barry Caldwell invited all board members to attend the upcoming Development Committee meeting from noon to 1:00pm on Nov 17 Fri.

Peter Anderson reported that the PCSB charter amendment to relocate AJC from 711 Edgewood St NE WDC 20017 to 4301 Harewood Rd NE WDC 20017 is scheduled to be submitted by Jan 2024.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

E. Paisner made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
B. Caldwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Caldwell	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
J. Osgood	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye

Roll Call

L. Ballenger	Absent
A. Graham	Aye
C. Wilkinson	Absent
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
A. Jesseman	Aye

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,
L. Chia

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