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Minutes

Monthly WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - May 2024

via ZOOM webinar

Date and Time
Thursday May 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
via ZOOM webinar

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Directors Present
A. Graham (remote), A. Jesseman (remote), B. Caldwell (remote), C. McFadgion (remote), E. Paisner (remote), F. Perera (remote), G. Kautt (remote), J. Osgood (remote), K. Merritt (remote), L. Ballenger (remote), L. Rucker (remote), M. Yeager (remote)

Directors Absent
B. Williams-Kief, C. Wilkinson, P. Jayachandran

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Graham

Guests Present

Bob Eleby El (remote), D. Smith (remote), Esther Espinosa Dilone (remote), G. Izurieta (remote), K. Cromwell (remote), K. Roberts (remote), Kai McFadgion (remote), L. Chia (remote), P. Anderson (remote), T. Porter (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 May 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

B. Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - April 2024 on 04-11-24.
J. Osgood seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

II. LEA Report

A. Executive Report

Esther Espinosa Dilone and Kai McFadgion (both seniors) shared about their experiences at WLPCS.

Peter Anderson highlighted the need to engage the DC COUNCIL to urge them to reject the proposed repeal of the 3.1% increase to the annual facilities allotment beginning in FY26.

III. Deep-Dive Discussion

A. Athletic Program at Washington Latin

Peter Anderson and Bob Eleby El talked about athletics at WLPCS.

Peter Anderson prefaced the presentation by highlighting the WLPCS athletics philosophy.
1. We want to be inclusive
2. We value competition
3. We value physical development and wellness as an element of human flourishing
4. We want students to be exposed to a wide variety of athletic options/experiences

Bob Eleby El elaborated on the current state of athletics at WLPCS and the possible sports options at 2nd St and at AJC @ KIROV.

Peter Anderson presented a SWOT (Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) analysis of the WLPCS athletic program.

One of the issues discussed was the 2nd St field, whether to upgrade the sod or change to turf.

As an extension of the classical mission of the school, Diana Smith emphasized that WLPCS should continue the commitment to have "no cut" sports.

B. MSAP Grant

Peter Anderson and Kate Cromwell proposed that WLPCS apply for MSAP, a federal Department of Education grant program.

A primary goal of MSAP is to reduce, eliminate, or prevent "minority group isolation" in schools.

Each MSAP application must include either a required or a voluntary desegregation plan.

The implications of a desegregation plan for WLPCS and the benefits vs the risks were discussed.

A. Graham arrived.

J. Osgood made a motion to approve the WLPCS voluntary desegregation plan.
L. Ballenger seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
L. Ballenger	Aye
A. Jesseman	Aye
A. Graham	Abstain
P. Jayachandran	Absent
K. Merritt	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
F. Perera	Aye
G. Kautt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
J. Osgood	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Absent

IV. Facilities Update

A. Latest on 4301 Harewood

Tom Porter informed the board that the AJC @ KIROV project is on schedule.

V. Governance Committee

A. Update

Lisa Rucker thanked all the board members for completing their HOS evaluation.

B. Slate of officers for SY24-25

It was noted that the slate of officers for next year will likely remain the same.

In June, there will be a vote to renew the board terms of the following board members.

- Carl McFadgion
- Lisa Rucker
- Brendan Williams-Kief

C. Update on candidate prospects

A board candidate will be present at the June meeting.

VI. Finance Committee

A. Latest financials

Geovanna Izurieta gave a brief overview of the current financial status of WLPCS. The (KPI) Key Performance Indicators show improvement from last month. The annotated financials indicate 9 months of financial information.

B. 990

Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) was reviewed by the WLPCS audit firm and also by the WLPCS Finance Committee before it was received by the board for review and approval.

The form is due to be submitted to IRS on 05/15/2024 Wed.

B. Caldwell made a motion to approve Form 990 that has to be submitted to IRS.
J. Osgood seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
K. Merritt	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
E. Paisner	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Absent
L. Rucker	Aye
J. Osgood	Aye
F. Perera	Aye
M. Yeager	Aye
A. Jesseman	Aye
G. Kautt	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye

VII. Academic Committee

A. Update

There will be a college counseling report at a special meeting of the Academic Committee on June 20 Thu.

VIII. Executive Session

A. Update on legal matter

L. Ballenger made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter.
G. Kautt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

A legal matter was discussed during executive session.

L. Ballenger made a motion to exit from executive session.
A. Jesseman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Ballenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A. Jesseman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia

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