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Washington Latin

Minutes

WLPCS Board of Governors Fall Retreat - October 2024

2nd St Campus

Date and Time
Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 12:00 PM

Location
2nd St Campus
5200 2nd St NW
Washington DC 20011

Directors Present
A. Graham, B. Caldwell, B. Williams-Kief, C. McFadgion, E. Paisner, G. Kautt, K. Merritt, L. Ballenger, L. Rucker, M. Yeager

Directors Absent
A. Jesseman, A. Zachariah, F. Perera, J. Osgood, P. Jayachandran

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Graham, E. Paisner, L. Ballenger

Guests Present
Anaka Osborne, C. Gifford, G. Izurieta, J. Kelly, L. Chia, P. Anderson

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I. OPTIONAL : Soaking In The Latin Way At 2nd St

A.

Lunch (and seminars/walk-through)

Several board members interacted with faculty and upper school students during lunch.

Barry Caldwell
Glenn Kautt
Carl McFadgion
Ken Merritt
Lisa Rucker
Brendan Williams-Kief
Margie Yeager

Tiffany Austin
Caroline Coleman
Geovanna Izurieta
James Kelly
Treshia Pettiford
Alexander Porcelli
Will Rumford
Bryan Whitchurch

(student) Abigail Fitzpatrick
(student) Aaron Gill
(student) Folasade Jackson
(student) Mia Jancachagua Espinoza
(student) Brooke Oliver
(student) Sebastian Risso
(student) Capri Romney
(student) Rina Saxon
(student) Lydia Tiersky

Board members had two options after lunch:
. observe two seminars in two different classes with Peter Anderson
. a walk-through of several classes with (2nd St Principal) James Kelly

A. Graham arrived.

II. 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 Wednesday Oct 16, 2024 at 1:45 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

G. Kautt made a motion to approve the minutes from WLPCS Board of Governors Special Meeting - September 2024 on 09-30-24.
B. Williams-Kief seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approve Minutes

G. Kautt made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual WLPCS Board of Governors Meeting - June 2024 on 06-13-24.
B. Williams-Kief seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. WLPCS Board Of Governors Fall Retreat At 2nd St

A. Welcome And Framing

Ken Merritt welcomed everybody to the WLPCS fall retreat at 2nd St. Brendan Williams-Kief was the time keeper and Carl McFadgion was the norms monitor.

All board members who were present during the optional portion (lunch/seminars/walk-through) of the fall retreat shared their "The Latin Way" experiences. The board members observed that the WLPCS community is diverse and inclusive and caring. The self confidence of the students (during lunch, during the seminars, during the walk-through) was highlighted. Faculty classroom management and student time management were also praised.

B. Consent Agenda

Peter Anderson (re)introduced and explained the Consent Agenda which will be used for all future board meetings. When financial information is part of the Consent Agenda, it might be useful to include a "financial" one pager.

E. Paisner arrived.

C. Deep Dive Topic - Schools Program And Performance

Caroline Gifford gave an update on the academics of the two campuses. One of the (adjusted) academic goals is to focus on both ends of the learning spectrum - students below grade level and students above grade level. A priority is to challenge all students, with an emphasis on the following:
. vertical alignment in English
. define/codify best practices re DBQ and socratic seminar

Year 1 of the strategic plan - goal setting process
Year 2 of the strategic plan - implementation phase (current)

James Kelly highlighted the success of the AP program at 2nd St.

Anaka Osborne talked about the academic data for AJC.

NOTE: The Oct 17 Thu Academic Committee meeting is cancelled.

L. Ballenger arrived.

D. BREAK

E.

Governance Committee Update

Lisa Rucker shared the following:
. additional feedback from board members about the proposed board engagement model
. the (DRAFT) board calendar for the rest of SY24/25

The board members discussed whether to have one or two retreats. The second retreat (in Apr at AJC campus) is TBD. Instead of a(nother) 5 hour long combined engagement and meeting retreat, there was a suggestion to separate engagement from meeting to hopefully allow more participation from board members. Board members were asked to fill out a survey re a second board retreat.

F. Executive (Closed) Session

L. Ballenger made a motion to enter into executive (closed) session to discuss an emergent issue - about personnel matters.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

An emergent issue - about personnel matters - was discussed during the executive (closed) session.

L. Ballenger made a motion to exit the executive (closed) session.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

F. Perera	Absent
M. Yeager	Aye
A. Graham	Aye
K. Merritt	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye

Roll Call

C. McFadgion	Aye
J. Osgood	Absent
P. Jayachandran	Absent
G. Kautt	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
E. Paisner	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
A. Zachariah	Absent
A. Jesseman	Absent

G. Open Space

Oct 19 Sat : Fall Fest at 2nd St from 4pm to 8pm
Oct 19 Sat : start of Latin Pride (the annual campaign to raise needed funds for the school)

The Capital Campaign task force will be (re)activated shortly. There was a request for monthly financials to be made available to board members.

Peter Anderson identified four areas of work re the status of alum engagement.
. alum connection
. alum in need of support
. alum as "giving" prospects
. alum (and current students) who might potentially return to WLPCS to work

The following two items need follow up in future meetings.
. the (leadership) thinking behind school policies
. school growth (in particular, AJC)

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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

Roll Call

J. Osgood	Absent
K. Merritt	Aye
F. Perera	Absent
A. Graham	Aye
P. Jayachandran	Absent
M. Yeager	Aye

Roll Call

A. Jesseman	Absent
E. Paisner	Aye
L. Rucker	Aye
L. Ballenger	Aye
B. Williams-Kief	Aye
B. Caldwell	Aye
A. Zachariah	Absent
G. Kautt	Aye
C. McFadgion	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Chia

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