



Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location

(In person) 285 Dorset Street, Springfield, MA 01108

Trustees Present

Alton Jones, Dean Morneau (remote), Denise Pagan-Vega (remote), James Lightfoot, Jessica Putnam, Kiyota Garcia, Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez (remote)

Trustees Absent

Darren James, Jennifer Wallace-Johnson, Kailey Boyd, Patricia Rapinchuk

Guests Present

Kendra Salvador

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jessica Putnam called a meeting of the board of trustees of Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence to order on Tuesday Sep 19, 2023 at 5:41 PM.

C. Meditation

Kiyota presented the meditation (a video).

D. Public Comments

None

E. Vote on Board Retreat Board of Trustees Meeting (07/30/2023) Minutes

Jessica Putnam made a motion to approve the minutes from July 30 Board of Trustees Meeting on 07-30-23.

Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director's Report to the Board

A. Executive Director's Report to the Board

Off to a good start. Committees started meeting on the first week of classes. Things seem to be stable and it feels different in a good way. Home Depot grant was received and work will be started in October. Fall Gala seems to be underway. Staff PD on October 6. COVID tests are on-hand and masks. Busing issues continue

III. Academic Excellence Committee Report

A. Review Monthly Academic Data

School just started so no update on academic data. ESL started assessment already so data will be upcoming.

IV. Fundraising: Gala Committee

A. Updates

Tentative day is November 17th at the Sheraton Hotel. More details to come.

V. Treasurer's Report

A. Audit Update

Received audit today so it will be reviewed and updated for next meeting. July and August financials - revenue looks good - personnel costs, we trend under, so we are looking into it.

B. August financials

Looking good - looking into personnel expenses.

C. July Financials

Looking good - no issues.

VI. Board Chair Report

A. Committees

All members are expected to have a plan for the next in-person meeting. this includes a regular schedule to meet.

VII. Other Business

A. Anthony Cole

State of Ethics Commission - pointed to an article about nepotism. Discuss with the board what are our concerns are. `

Jessica Putnam made a motion to vote Anthony Cole onto the board.

Alton Jones seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.

B. New Business

Discuss board members to attend a PD day - for example - October 6 Hispanic Heritage or we could do an evening event. Email will be sent with events. Bylaws to be updated with nepotism policy.

Evaluations to be in email this week.

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 6:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teremar Rodriguez-Vazquez