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## Paramount Schools of Excellence

### Minutes

#### Board of Directors

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##### **Date and Time**

Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 5:30 PM

##### **Location**

3020 Nowland Ave

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##### **Directors Present**

A. Bekele, B. Eldridge (remote), J. Amu, J. Hazzard, Jr., T. Rude

##### **Directors Absent**

C. Park, M. Bishop, P. Blackard

##### **Guests Present**

B. Richardson, D. Sawyers, Dexter Taylor, H. Okerson, J. Dixon, J. Monk, K. Beauchamp, K. Cavolick, K. Ross, K. Sauley, K. Scott, Keith Thomas, M. Lafflin, R. Grady, S. Shaffer, S. Yockey, Scott Frye, T. Gustin, T. Palacios

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

##### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Rude called a meeting of the board of directors of Paramount Schools of Excellence to order on Tuesday Sep 10, 2019 at 5:38 PM.

#### **II. Public Comments**

#### **A. Public Comments**

No one from the public made a comment.

### **III. Consent Agenda Review and Approval**

#### **A. Review and approve minutes.**

T. Rude made a motion to approve minutes from the Board of Directors on 08-13-19 Board of Directors on 08-13-19.

J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

B. Eldridge	Aye
T. Rude	Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Aye
M. Bishop	Absent
J. Amu	Aye
A. Bekele	Aye
P. Blackard	Absent
C. Park	Absent

#### **B. Voucher Approval**

T. Rude made a motion to approve vouchers as presented.

J. Amu seconded the motion.

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

##### **Roll Call**

M. Bishop	Absent
B. Eldridge	Aye
A. Bekele	Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Abstain
P. Blackard	Absent
C. Park	Absent
J. Amu	Aye
T. Rude	Aye

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Study Abroad Presentation**

Students from Paramount Brookside along with Ms. Laflin and Mr. Thomas shared a slide show with the room. They spoke about their experiences and answered questions.

### **V. Operations Report**

#### **A.**

## **Operations Report**

Jess Monk- Chief Operating Officer

Discussion on the new building for Community Heights. Working with Civic on the lending.

Tara Gustin- Director of Special Programs

Provided updates on Response to Intervention and Family Allies Community Team (FACT).

Barb Richardson- Director of Advancement

Discussed logistics for the TURN Festival and upcoming grant deadlines

Tiffany Palacios- Director of Human Resources

Updated the Board on upcoming open enrollment and payroll updates

Hannah Okerson- Bookkeeper

Working to finish the audit with the auditors. Audit will be presented possibly in November. Reminder about the timing of financials and vouchers.

Scott Frye- Chief Academic Officer

Has done visits at the schools to help support teachers. Scott is bringing other key staff members to help support. Scott has been facilitating peer observations across schools. Data disaggregation has begun and the administration shared the next steps. All tutoring starts on October 7th. Working to support a partnership with Indiana University for student teachers and teachers.

## **B. Principal Report Discussion**

Dexter Taylor- Brookside Principal

Discussed the structure and implementation of curriculum to make sure it is aligned. The staff has administered the beginning of the year assessments. Over 200 students are participating in extra-curricular activities.

Kyle Beauchamp- Community Heights Principal

Kyle introduced new staff, Ms. Cavolick and Ms. Scott. The staff has been working on professional development and have invited presenters for those meetings. Chris Larson is starting to work on the garden.

Darius Sawyers- Englewood Principal

Shared updates on the beginning of the year data and digging deeper into the data to inform response to intervention. Tutoring will be kicking off in the next few weeks. They are kicking off Robotics and Book Club. The first School Community Organization meeting happened last week and the presenter shared about the library.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Next Meeting

October 8, 2019 at 5:30pm  
Paramount Brookside  
3020 Nowland Ave.  
Middle School Cafeteria

### B. Adjourn Meeting

T. Rude made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Hazzard, Jr. seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

T. Rude	Aye
C. Park	Absent
P. Blackard	Absent
J. Amu	Aye
B. Eldridge	Aye
A. Bekele	Aye
J. Hazzard, Jr.	Aye
M. Bishop	Absent

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Gustin

## VII. Committees

### A. Academic/Governance

Reviewed upcoming OEI governance documents due through January.