



Springfield Prep

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 14, 2020 at 12:30 PM

This meeting of the Springfield Prep Charter School Governance Committee was held via Zoom video conference on 12/14/2020 at 12:30 pm. Meeting notice was posted on the school's website (www.springfieldprep.org) on 12/9/20 at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members Present

B. Spirer (remote), K. Molina (remote), N. Abramowitz (remote), R. Leonard (remote)

Committee Members Absent

A. Grant

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Leonard called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Springfield Prep to order on Monday Dec 14, 2020 at 12:36 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

R. Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 08-17-20.

K. Molina seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. School Reopening Update and Discussion

Bill discussed the current plan to have a small group of students on-site with all others remote through the end of the calendar year. The next step is to see what SPS does in their community meeting and school board meeting over the coming weeks, as well as review the health situation and family preferences, and evaluate any potential changes early in the new year.

Bill discussed the challenge of balancing equity and student needs with staffing and space considerations when deciding to have a small group of students on-site and not a larger cohort.

B. Board Needs & Recruiting

Bill reviewed the Governance Committee memo regarding Board Recruitment, and the need to build a strong pipeline of potential Board members. The committee discussed the need to focus on identifying “connectors” who could introduce us to potential Board member candidates, instead of focusing on finding Board members themselves. The committee discussed having a parent on the Board and the benefits and challenges, as well as other ways to include the voices of current parents and future alumni parents in their discussions. The committee agreed that parent voice is critical and will be a focus during and after the upcoming DEI conversations with The Management Center. The committee discussed next steps, including who they will contact as the start of the Board recruitment process this fiscal year.

III. Other Business

A. Next Governance Committee Meeting

The next Governance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, 1/11/21 at 12:30 PM.

IV. 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 1:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Abramowitz

Documents used during the meeting

- 12.14.20 Governance Committee Memo.pdf