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Young Scholars Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 24, 2023 at 3:45 PM

Location
https://phillyscholars-org.zoom.us/j/83351864515

This meeting is being held in compliance with Open Meeting requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Philadelphia Daily News. Formal action will be taken.

Trustees Present
A. Wang (remote), B. Harrison (remote), D. Dwirantwi (remote), E. Ashe (remote), G. Singer (remote), I. Brind (remote), J. Brown (remote), R. Halpern (remote), T. Rebar (remote), W. Churchill (remote), W. Weisman (remote)

Trustees Absent
B. Young, E. Kaplin, J. Wang, V. Schwartz

Guests Present
B. Chazin (remote), Beth Birnkrant (remote), C. Freyer (remote), Corran Branch (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Tini (remote), Madeline Farnham (remote), Rachel Kristine (remote), S. Smith (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Churchill called a meeting of the board of trustees of Young Scholars Charter School to order on Tuesday Oct 24, 2023 at 3:47 PM.

II. Board Discussion Topics

A. Departmental Rotations: Reading & Language Arts Content Team

- Reading Team Introductions
  - Rachel Kristine
  - Morgan Dysinger
  - Hoshniah Wilson
- The reading ream discussed highlights of the HMH curriculum and how it differs from the previous curriculum (Engage NY)
- Reviewed the tier structure of interventions
  - Ms. Kristine shared a request for any trustees with connections to career day or other opportunities to show students how reading skills can be used in the real world
- K. Tini reviewed ESSA Targets ELA cohort growth, and schoolwide goals related to ELA

B. Pre-Meeting Discussion Topic Review

6 responded to the survey
#1 choice was for High School Placement, so Ms. Branch is joining

C. Dashboard

Reviewed all indicatorrs
Question raised about plan to raise the remaining fuunds in the event fundraising goal.
THis will be included in the breakout room discussions later in the agenda

D. Fundraising Update & 25th Anniversary Celebration Overview

Prsented current status
No additional comments or questions

E. Alumni Survey and HS Admissions

Corran Branch, Academic Guidance Counselor provided an update:

- 77 of our 87 students have completed High School Applications
- 100% of students generally apply to public and charter schools
- Questions were posed and discussion was held around aspects of private school applications
- Alumni engagement goals and challenges were discussed

F. Talent Update and Org Health Survey

Reviewed staff retention and new hires
2 current openings remain- Math teacher and paraprofessional

BOY Org health
Challenges discussed and potential remedies
Importance in having a common vision of what effective teachign looks like

G. Facility and Land Acquisition Update

S. Smith provided a status update and next steps

- We are planning to select a firm by November 3rd
- Phase 1 of Environmental is underway
- Once we have the site plan, we can proceed with the land bank application
- W. Churchill added that having a pre-existing relationships with the firm and experience through working with Paul Robeson Charter School both are positively impacting this experience

H. Committee Updates- Breakout Rooms

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting.

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 09-12-23.
I. Brind seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Motions for Approval- Policy / Governance / Operations / Miscellaneous

A. To approve the updated Board Bylaws

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the updated Board Bylaws.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. To approve the Student Records Policy

W. Churchill made a motion to Approve the Student Records Policy.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. 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 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Churchill