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Young Scholars Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday December 5, 2023 at 3:45 PM

Location
Remote Only- https://phillyscholars-org.zoom.us/j/81047119449

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. Young (remote), E. Ashe (remote), E. Kaplin (remote), I. Brind (remote), J. Brown (remote), J. Wang (remote), R. Halpern (remote), T. Rebar (remote), W. Churchill (remote), W. Weisman (remote)

Trustees Absent
B. Harrison, D. Dwirantwi, G. Singer

Guests Present
B. Chazin (remote), Beth Birnkrant (remote), Catalina Ramos (remote), Dianna Phelps (remote), Elyse Capone (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), K. Tini (remote), Masud AbdusShaheed (remote), Rachel Cohen (remote), S. Smith (remote), Samantha Banks- Friends of YSCS (remote), Sierra Fries (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 Dec 5, 2023 at 3:47 PM.

C. To accept the resignation of Board Trustee, Valerie Schwartz, effective December 5, 2023.

W. Churchill made a motion to accept the resignation of Board Trustee, Valerie Schwartz, effective December 5, 2023.
B. Young seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Board Discussion Topics

A. Departmental Rotations: Special Education Team

Members of the Special Education department were present at the meeting to introduce themselves and discuss how they have improved specialized programming and priorities for the 23-24 school year- 1- Increase academic achievement in math and PSSA scores through small group instruction and evidence based curriculum, 2- Decrease suspension numbers through SEL programming.

B. High School Placement Update

Dianna Phelps gave an overview of high school placement, including application process, high school meetings, and number of applications submitted. 100% of parents have participated in high school meetings. Moving forward, the team would like to go on more aspirational visits.

C. Fundraising Update and Consultant Proposal Review

John Amenda shared that we've exceeded our annual fundraising goal and would like to continue fundraising efforts. A potential capital campaign was also discussed. Proposals from different consultants will be shared at the next meeting.

D. Finance and Audit for Acceptance

Kevin Corcoran gave an overview of the school's current financial position, which is healthy and meeting all targets. A motion to accept the draft audit report and delegate any subsequent actions to Finance Committee as needed was resolved at the end of the meeting.

E. Facility and Land Acquisition Update

Engaged Friends of YSCS board. phase 1 environmental study is underway. survey and site plan are being produced for landbank application finalization.

F. 5th Grade Application- Submission Timeline and Decision Timeline

John Amenda discussed plans to submit an amendment to expand to 5th grade. The amendment is due in January.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the October 24, 2023 meeting.

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2023 board meeting Regular Board Meeting on 10-24-23.
I. Brind seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

A. To accept the draft audit report and delegate any subsequent actions to Finance Committee as needed

W. Churchill made a motion to to accept the draft audit report and delegate any subsequent actions to Finance Committee as needed.
I. Brind seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. To approve the ELL policy with updated identification procedures

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the ELL policy with updated identification procedures.
I. Brind seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Churchill