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Young Scholars Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 4, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location
Remote

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), J. Brown (remote), J. Wang (remote), R. Halpern (remote), S. Piltch (remote), T. Rebar (remote), W. Churchill (remote)

Trustees Absent
B. Harrison, G. Singer, W. Weisman

Guests Present
C. Freyer (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Corcoran (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), K. Tini (remote), L. Umbrecht (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 Feb 4, 2025 at 4:03 PM.

II. Board Discussion Topics

A. Dashboard

There are no concerns in the items that the school is tracking. Staff attendance and student retention are both especially strong. The team is doing a lot of academic interventions right now to make sure students are engaged. High school admissions results are coming in. There is no concern with achievement data at this time.

B. Capital Campaign/Fundraising- Lobbying Firm Update

The board discussed a lobbyist proposal who the team could engage with to help school continue to move land acquisition forward and also support with other funding opportunities.

C. Draft Staffing Model and Budget

The team is currently working on next year's budget. The school is planning to enroll 150 new students and 5 more staff members next year. The team will be doing more authentic onboarding for students this summer.

D. Finance

Kevin Corcoran gave a summary of the school's finances. The school is green on all metrics that the school district tracks.

E. Insurance Coverage

The team quickly reviewed insurances that the school currently has.

F. Safe Zone Guidance Refugee and Immigrant Student Protection

John Amenda shared the school's Safe Zone guidance and Immigrant Student Protection procedures. The school is designated as a safe zone school.

G. Committee Updates Where Applicable

Jim Brown reported on the School Performance Committee meeting. The committee talked about measures of school performance and other possible measures that could be added, including more social and emotional development, character development, family engagement.

H. Statement of Financial Interest forms due February 15, 2025

Reminder for board members to submit their Statement of Financial Interests form by 2/15.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Resolved that the Board approve the Regular session minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting.

W. Churchill made a motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024 board minutes Regular Board Meeting on 12-10-24.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Motions for Approval

A. To approve Safe Zone Resolution

W. Churchill made a motion to approve Safe Zone Resolution.
A. Wang seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. To approve ICE Response Protocol

W. Churchill made a motion to approve ICE Response Protocol.
B. Young seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. To approve Procurement Policy using Federal Funds: Updated Procurement Thresholds effective January 1, 2025

W. Churchill made a motion to approve Procurement Policy using Federal Funds: Updated Procurement Thresholds effective January 1, 2025.
E. Kaplin 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 4:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Churchill