



Veritas Preparatory Charter School

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday December 7, 2017 at 8:15 AM

Location

Veritas Prep Charter School 1st Floor Conference Room or Dial-In Number: 866-848-2216,
Conference Code: 7783935205

Committee Members Present

D. Fuller, R. Romano, T. Moran

Committee Members Absent

C. Alves

Guests Present

A. Mendelson, R. Kaplan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Fuller called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Veritas Preparatory Charter School to order on Thursday Dec 7, 2017 at 8:24 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

T. Moran made a motion to approve minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting on 11-02-17 Governance Committee Meeting on 11-02-17.

D. Fuller seconded the motion.

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

II. Governance

A. Review FY 18 Goals

Rachel led the discussion of the goals and timeline.

Reviewed the goals from the handout provided by Rachel.

B. Governance Practices - Goal #1

Tom led the discussion about the governance practices.

Provided a hand out of draft outline governance committee goals

Discussion of DESE guidelines for governance committee

Rachel provided feedback about DESE evaluation criteria

Tom broke down the criteria questions from DESE and discussed each item with the committee

Board on Track is a national resource for charter school governance that can be used as a model but Massachusetts sets a higher bar and we should use the governance criteria to set goals and ensure we are meeting or exceeding all indicators.

We should identify highest performing boards in Mass. to observe and connect from as we develop a vision for our governance that will move us forward on the board on track maturity model and ensure we are aiming to exceed expectations on the DESE governance criteria.

Rachel suggested also learning from schools that have grown into networks as we may start a second school. Looking at Phoenix, Excel Academy, Brooke as potential board's to learn from about growth and how governance has evolved.

Agenda Outline for next meeting:

1. DRAFT of Survey and get feedback
2. Board on Track Maturity Model
3. Strategic Planning
3. Phoenix and other school BMPs status (Bios of Boards, meeting attendance, etc)

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

T. Moran made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Fuller seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Kaplan