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Libertas Academy Charter School

Minutes

LACS Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Location
Libertas Academy Charter School, 146 Chestnut St, Springfield MA 01103 1st Floor Conference Room OR Dial-in Number : (712) 775-7031 Access Code: 959-546-056

Trustees Present
A. Surrette, D. Barrows, J. Lauren, J. Lopez-Figueroa, L. Davis, M. Walachy, T. Curtis

Trustees Absent
H. Zavala

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Hernandez, M. Montero

Guests Present
K. Diamond Kayiatos

I. Opening Items

A. **Board Chair Welcome**

B. **Record Attendance and Guests**

C.

Call the Meeting to Order

L. Davis called a meeting of the board of trustees of Libertas Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Oct 15, 2019 at 5:13 PM.

D. Approve Minutes of 9-17-19

Note : The language in future minutes should be past tense .
J. Lauren made a motion to approve minutes from the LACS Board of Trustees Meeting on 09-17-19 LACS Board of Trustees Meeting on 09-17-19.
D. Barrows seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
M. Montero arrived.

E. Public Comment

Kari Diamond Kayiatos- Happy to be here!

II. Academic Achievement Committee

A. AAC October Report

Tiffani Curtis reported on AAC October meeting. MCAs results were main focus during Oct meeting. Modesto will get more into the details of these results during his management report. A lot of work has been done to understand this report and the significance of the indicators in the MCAs report. Tiffani stated that the AAC continues to work on updating the academic dashboard which MM will report on monthly at the board meetings. Enrollment numbers , discipline numbers, attendance and student/ staff retention will be looked at monthly while achievement data will be looked at when available. Strategic planning is placed on hold for now as there are other priorities to tackle.

III. Development

A. Development Committee October Report

Dana Barrows reported that the development committee is continually working on how to achieve its goal of 350k fundraising this year. There will be a fall and spring campaign. The first launch of solicitation letters are set to go out in the next couple of weeks. Katie Frett is also working to get tour dates together in an effort to bring more people into the school.

IV. Finance

A. Monthly Financials

Tony Surrette reported on year end audit . Nothing big and/or surprising came up. It was a smooth process.

July and August financials were also highlighted for the group.

J. Lauren made a motion to Approve audit.
D. Barrows seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
D. Barrows made a motion to Approve July Financials.
J. Lauren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
D. Barrows made a motion to To approve August financials.
T. Curtis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Governance

A. Governance Committee October Report

Governance Committee will report out in November however as a reminder - still looking to onboard 1 to 2 more trustees ; (finance and marketing/communications expertise being the priority)

VI. Management Report

A. School update and highlights from the past month including an overview of MCAs results

Modesto Montero reported on the recently released MCAs data : ELA performed at district level ; this needs to be a bigger area of focus. Math : outperformed district - this is a glow . Libertas' internal assessments are accurately predicting these MCAs results. For a year 2 school there are things to be excited about but going into year 3, there needs to be more substantial growth across the board. Certain areas are being significantly focused and adjusted in response to MCAs results (ie attendance , growth of students who need the most support ...) .

Students who need the most support have grown the least. This is a big takeaway and supporting this populations needs to be a bigger priority. LACS has a large population of these students (25%) ; more structures need to be put in place and/or a substantial change in directions needs to occur so that this population is better supported. A reading specialist/ interventionist and having the teaching team delegate certain work so they can better focus on the most important tasks to teach these students, are two thoughts .

Modesto concluded that while there are things to be proud of, there is a lot that needs to happen to not just grow but to make significant growth going forward.

VII. Closing Items

A. Next meeting

B. Adjourn Meeting

L. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A. Surrette seconded the motion.
The board **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 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Davis