APPROVED

Libertas Academy Charter School

Minutes

Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location
Libertas Academy Charter School
146 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Trustees Present
A. Seymour, H. Zavala, J. Gunther (remote), K. Diamond Kayiatos, N. Barker, P. Kkayego (remote), S. Lapolice (remote), S. Williams (remote), T. Curtis (remote)

Trustees Absent
K. Stewart, L. Davis

Ex Officio Members Present
M. Montero

Guests Present
Emma Gianopolus

I. Opening Items

A. Board Chair Welcome

B.

Record Attendance and Guests

C. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Diamond Kayiatos called a meeting of the board of trustees of Libertas Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Feb 27, 2024 at 5:35 PM.
KDK thanked Hector for his years of dedicated service and congratulated MM on his recent wedding!

D. Approve Minutes

H. Zavala made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting on 12-19-23.
A. Seymour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve Minutes from January Meeting

H. Zavala made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting on 01-23-24.
A. Seymour seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Public Comment

II. Management Report

A. Management Report

MM welcomed Emma Gianopolus- Director of Special Projects. EG spoke about upcoming goals:
- Liberty St school building will be prepared for fall 2024
- Chestnut St school building will be vacant
- Full communication with third party vendors
- Full communication with key stakeholders

EG shared timeline around the move to the new facility
Furniture and Building Planning Conversations- furniture negotiations with Hertz
Liberty St building construction update
Legacy Ambassador Committee- group of students, families and staff meet monthly to discuss opening of new building
AZ asked about furniture and ADA compliance- EG is proceeding with this in mind, currently taking inventory of current furniture in Chestnut St
PK asked about updates/ dashboard for building prep- EG will attend upcoming meetings and MM will keep Financial Committee informed about financials
EG showed layout plans for model classrooms for LA and UA, Library and Media Center for research and collaborative work- potential naming opportunity, Science Labs
TC asked about classroom layout- teachers will have some flexibility in moving desks

TC asked about collaboration spaces- Library is main space, also Deans' Offices
AS asked about security and safety measures- much built in, other parts Libertas can use a built in allowance for some of these, could tap into other funds for necessary items
JG asked about safety equipment being built in- EG noted that there is no gas line, looking to build eyewash station
TC asked about camera selection, recording options- Cloud based system exists, but cost is much higher. TC asks LACS to consider technology shelf life for long term budgeting
AZ asked about solar- not currently
Liberty St contingency planning in process if needed-

MM updated on Talent- new roles for 12th grade now open. Emma in the Director of Special Projects Role. US Principal- Ben stepping in, AJ thriving in Dean role
New applications- meeting/ exceeding goals
UA Principal- focus on Adult Culture development
-Teaching learning and coaching
-Positive student experience
Royal Ambassador's program- student privilege within UA
Awards Ceremony 2/28 5-7 PM
Durag Fest- 2/29 5-7
Movie Night to highlight black stories 4:30-6:30 The Hate U Give

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Achievement Committee

No updates

B. Finance Committee

H. Zavala made a motion to Approve January Financials.
A. Seymour seconded the motion.
Reviewed financial statements- no concerns and cash position l
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Development Committee

KDK- just shy of $2million in capital campaign
Looking to build up for extra ways to support, such as scholarships, summer program funding, travel to college. Want to use funds to let LACS stand out in Springfield
Request to bring in new folks to be friends and supporters of the school

D. Governance Committee

HZ has met with incoming prospects for the board and feels very positively about what they offer this group

E.

ED Evaluation Committee

Meeting and evaluation schedule in place with MM. Lauren will continue to be involved

IV. Other Business

A. Vote on New Trustee

H. Zavala made a motion to approve Carlos Resto as a member of the LACS Board.
T. Curtis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Vote on New Trustee

H. Zavala made a motion to approve Nicole Coakley as a member of the LACS Board.
T. Curtis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Next meeting

HZ offered his profound thanks to MM and his respect for the work with the LACS Board. Though his official tenure is ending he will continue to be involved in any way he can.
Next meeting is 3/26 at 5:30

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Barker

Documents used during the meeting

- SY23-24 February- BOT Management Report.pdf
- FY23-24 January Financials.xlsx
- CR-Resume 4-2023.pdf
- Nicole Coakley Bio 2023.docx
- Nicole Coakley Resume 2022.docx