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The Neighborhood Charter Network

Minutes

March Board Meeting 2023

Date and Time
Tuesday March 14, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Location
Enlace Academy

The Neighborhood Charter Network is hosting a board meeting on the third Thursday of every other month.

Public comment sign up:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1J47Tr-yiUsVpogE6UVbNWRN0DVUAKDTbhQUHyBajob4/edit#gid=0

Public Comment:

- Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to offer comments to the board.
- A timer will start when you begin; please briefly conclude your remarks when you hear the timer go off.
- Comments should be directed to the board collectively, should not be abusive or disruptive, and should not address a topic that might be of a confidential nature or that would compromise the impartiality of the board.
- While the board is happy to receive your comments, we will not respond or answer questions.

Directors Present

B. Delk, C. Byczko (remote), D. Casey (remote), K. Britt, R. Zavaleta (remote), T. Baker (remote)

Directors Absent
M. Dezelan, P. Castaneda, R. Hall

Guests Present
D. Castellanos, K. Dulay, K. Kubacki, Mark Mosias, S. Campos, jservaas@saturdayeveningpost.com

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Delk called a meeting of the board of directors of The Neighborhood Charter Network to order on Tuesday Mar 14, 2023 at 3:41 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Britt made a motion to approve the minutes from January Board Meeting 2023 on 01-10-23.
Joan Servaas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Zavaleta	Aye
K. Britt	Aye
M. Dezelan	Absent
P. Castaneda	Absent
T. Baker	Aye
C. Byczko	Aye
D. Casey	Aye
B. Delk	Aye
R. Hall	Absent

II. Academic Excellence

A. Academic Updates

Mission Moment

- Mark Mosias, the assistant director of academics, has been working on starting and leading 12 after-school clubs. He started a Girl Scout troop and rebranded the Cub Scout group. Kids come to school to learn and engage. The concept of

Enlace was to have a robust afterschool program. One step closer to what Enlace was envisioned to be.

Academic Data

- The attendance rate for Enlace is currently at 93.8% with 94% for February. We have a weekly attendance committee that focuses on attendance monitoring.
- Currently, we have an 8% suspension rate. The goal is to have less than 12%. There is a stronger MTSS system. A culture audit has been conducted.
- 87% of our parents attended their parent/teacher conference. The goal is to be at 80% or higher.
- Enlace hosts EL classes on Saturdays with parents. Parents were prepared to come in and talk. Telemundo is coming on the 18th to do a story on us. Other news outlets are in process of setting something up.

III. Finance

A. Finance updates

Kevin presented the finance committee budget key measures for the 23-24 school year

- Will have 330 days of cash on hand.
- 78% will be budgeted for salaries, benefits, and occupancy
- 27% will be budgeted for benefits
- 1% debt service of expenditures
- 276 net income per student
- As ESSER sunsets, we will have corresponding expenses that will also phase out.
- This budget is built conservatively in terms of revenue from enrollment, state, and federal funding, and potential referendum sharing
- There is a large conversation about referendum sharing, possibly 1,300 per student.

Kevin will be testifying on Thursday for greater EL funding. We are mandated to have a 30 to 1 EL licensed-teacher ratio. We have 500 EL students, we would be required to have 15 licensed EL teachers.

Within this budget, we recognized that we have a lot to grow academically and meet the needs of our students.

Dennis reported that the finance committee recommends that the 23-24 budget is approved as presented. Encourages the leadership to look at one-time grant funding for the 24-25 school year.
D. Casey made a motion to To approve the 23-24 budget as presented.
R. Zavaleta seconded the motion.

Joan Servaas voted I
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
B. Delk	Aye
T. Baker	Aye
C. Byczko	Aye
R. Hall	Absent
M. Dezelan	Absent
P. Castaneda	Absent
K. Britt	Aye
D. Casey	Aye
R. Zavaleta	Aye

IV. Governance

A. Reporting

Kevin wanted to update the board regarding the referendum that was broken into two, the capital referendum and the operating referendum.

Capital Referendum

- On the May ballot
- Enlace is slated to receive 4.5 million dollars in facility upgrades, with HVAC and roof included. The parking lot as well.
- The governance committee will discuss the opportunity to extend the current lease.

Operating Referendum

- Pushed to the November ballot
- Based on communication from IPS, Enlace is slated to receive $1,300 dollars per pupil.

V. Community Outreach

A. Outreach initiatives

Our website has been updated. There is a strong social media presence.

Thoughts about engaging with a PR firm? Pushing out great content and reaching out to the news. Kevin is working on getting a proposal from Denise Herd. Look at some nonprofits and get proposals. Mainly to recruit new teachers. Kevin will bring it to the next meeting.

VI. 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 4:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Delk