

# 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

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

#### 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**

P. Castaneda Absent

C. Byczko Aye

K. Britt Aye

R. Hall Absent

D. Casey Aye

M. Dezelan Absent

R. Zavaleta Aye

B. Delk Aye

T. Baker 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