



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, March 13, 2017
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Place: 2146 24TH Place NE, Washington, DC

Minutes

Attendees

Dana Baughns
John Ferguson
Cleo Green
Jawauna Greene
Lesley Nesmith
Chris Zimmerman

Not in Attendance

Melody Giles
Justin Reaves

Guest

Imani Samuels

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Susan McFaul
Dr. Andrew Ross

School

Nakia Nicholson, Principal
Bryan Daniels, Assistant
Principal
Veronica Crawford,
Assistant Principal

Call to Order

Ms. Greene called the meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Ms. Baughns. The motion was approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Education

Ms. Nicholson presented on Whole Brain Teaching.

Principal's Report

Ms. Nicholson reported the school was approved for the Alternative Accountability Framework. This will help the school achieve sustainability. It allows the school to be on a level playing field rather than on tiers that are not applicable to our students. Suspensions have decreased to eight and last week a Saturday restitution program was implemented. Current enrollment is 336 students with 221 applications out of which 113 have ranked our school in their top 3 options.

Recruiting efforts have included open houses, however, staff have discovered parents don't want to come in on a Saturday so they are making appointments for them to visit at convenient times. An

event is planned to bring families in to see the school on April 29th. The DC school is still building a partnership with the Community College Public Charter School to refer students between the schools. They will refer to us and we will create a pipeline of adults for them. Ms. Giles visits the homeless shelters twice a week to meet with families as they arrive. The school currently has 80 homeless students. TBAs have still been distributing flyers every Wednesday. ANC and other community meetings for the targeted areas have been pursued. The staff are currently working with a consultant to create awareness in the political arena.

Parent engagement activities include open houses, honor roll assembly, Black History program, parent teacher conferences, and the media center launch. Ms. Nicholson invites all board directors to attend the graduation/promotion event. The dates and school needs will be sent out. Upcoming events include open houses on April 14 and 27 and the Spring Extravaganza on April 29.

Ms. Nicholson explained the Scoreboard and Super Improvers Team. The system is for students and staff to give personal motivation. The Scoreboard is the teacher against the student.

Monthly Metrics and Alternative Accountability Framework Update

Dr. Arbogast discussed the approval of the Alternative Accountability Framework. Mr. Ferguson questioned how it appears when the school is not ranked and that perhaps there should be some explanation on why that is the case so it doesn't cause parents to seek other schools.

Metrics were covered in Ms. Nicholson's report. Dr. Arbogast discussed the SOAR grant.

Adjourn

Ms. Greene adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for April 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Susan McFaul
Recording Secretary