



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

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

Minutes

Attendees

Terry Carnes
John Ferguson
Melody Giles
Cleo Green
Jawauna Greene
Lesley Nesmith
Imani Samuels
Chris Zimmerman

Not in Attendance

Dana Baughns
Justin Reaves

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Amanda Henck
Frank Kros
Angélique McKoy
Dr. Andrew Ross
Josh Sutherland

School

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

Call to Order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) to order at 6:30 p.m. She introduced Mr. Carnes to the group and the Board members shared their backgrounds with him as a means of formal introduction. Dr. Ross explained that he will take a less-active role in the School Board work and that Mr. Kros will now serve as the board's liaison.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Ferguson and seconded by Ms. Giles. The motion was approved.

Nomination of Mr. Zimmerman

Ms. Greene nominated Mr. Zimmerman as the Board Chair for The Children's Guild DC Charter School. The Board voted via ballot to confirm the nomination with a unanimous decision in favor. Ms. Greene agreed to also collect votes from Ms. Nesmith, Ms. Baughns and Mr. Reaves.

Board Education

Mr. Kros explained the leadership expansion within The Children's Guild. He informed the Board of Ms. Nicholson's promotion to Chief Academic Officer for Baltimore City and the DC Charter School. He informed that Dr. Arbogast will be responsible for oversight of the Anne Arundel County Charter Schools as well as other new organizational ventures including TAWS, which will start during the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Kros expressed that he will also add President of The Institute for Transformation Education (Institute) as President to his current duties with a focus on internal training of

Transformation Education. He further explained that the Institute will become the umbrella for all of the organizational training.

Ms. Nicholson shared the Leadership Update (see attached) for the 2017-2018 school year. She explained the new structure to include herself as Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Daniels as Acting Principal, and two Assistant Principals (Ms. Crawford and another TBD). She informed that an offer of employment to a first-time administrator has been made for the additional Assistant Principal and the School is awaiting her acceptance. Ms. Nicholson mentioned that she and Mr. Daniels feel very optimistic about this potential employee. She explained that her objective, as Chief Academic Officer, is to align both schools with similar systems and processes since the dynamics of the two schools are similar. Ms. Giles offered to put together a communication for the school community outlining the leadership changes. Additionally, Dr. Ross, Dr. Arbogast, and Mr. Kros plan to reach out to Mr. Pearson and Ms. DeVeaux at the DC Public Charter School Board to inform them of the impending leadership changes.

Principal's Report

In efforts to reach the goal of 450 student enrollment, Ms. Nicholson talked about the last recruitment weekend event and thanked Board members for their attendance and support. (See attached Principal's Report). She asked that Ms. McKoy send invitations to the board for the upcoming She Tea and Guys in Ties, as well as information about a student who has battled cancer to provide Board support.

Finance Report

Mr. Sutherland laid the foundation for his role in the finance department to include preparing the FY2018 budget, helping with school grants, Medicaid reporting, etc. Ms. Henck then fleshed out the Q3 results which are continuing to improve with finances turning in the same direction of the School. (See attached financial presentation). A motion to approve the 2018 budget was made by Mr. Zimmerman and seconded by Ms. Greene. The motion was approved.

Student Recruitment Report

Ms. Giles reported that selected staff and TBA's have been out recruiting in target community areas by passing out flyers, passing out doorknockers, and talking to families. She explained target areas included those less represented currently at TCGDC including the 5th District.

PTO Report

Ms. Giles reported that there is an upcoming meeting of the PTO. She expressed that the organization currently has seven parent representatives and they are in the process of recruiting more representation. Ms. Greene mentioned a Jazz Night event at Monarch Baltimore as a potential social, recruitment, and fundraising model. Ms. Greene and Ms. Giles also agreed to come together to further discuss possible transportation options for parent engagement.

School Outcome Data and Grants Update

Dr. Arbogast reported school data for the month of April to include 98.4% attendance and only four suspensions. He expressed how this is a positive stride for the School. He also reported that the current special education population is at 48%.

Other Items

Dr. Ross took the liberty of sharing some highlights of Ms. Greene's tenure as Board Chair including her stellar leadership and philanthropic efforts on behalf of the school. He then thanked her for her service as Board Chair and said that the Board looks forward to her continued support as a member of the board-at-large.

Adjourn

Ms. Greene adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for June 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary