



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Place: 2146 24TH Place NE, Washington, DC

Minutes

Attendees

John Ferguson
Melody Giles
Cleo Green
Lesley Nesmith
Justin Reaves
Imani Samuels

Not in Attendance

Dana Baughns
Jawauna Greene
Chris Zimmerman

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Frank Kros
Angélique McKoy

School

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

Call to Order

On behalf of Ms. Greene, Mr. Kros called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Ferguson and seconded by Ms. Samuels. The motion was approved.

Principal's Report

Ms. Nicholson gave a year-end report highlighting the work of the students by grade including blending sounds, mathematics and learning about the stock market, writing poems using metaphors, social studies, and measurements. Ms. Nicholson asked for board assistance for the next school year in the form of hygiene kits (*toothpaste, soap, deodorant, wash clothes, gender specific products*), and sponsorship for an upcoming skating trip to assist with the cost of buses. She explained that to fund the entire trip costs \$480. Mr. Daniels mentioned the prospect of partnering with the neighboring church or taking on the endeavor as a school, to start a food pantry to help serve the needs to the parent community. Ms. Nicholson said that there is a definite need for a freezer in the school to store meats and other perishables to give to parents. She reported that 100 students will participate in Extended School Year (ESY) this summer.

Mr. Daniels shared some of the engaging activities that happened this school year including parent breakfasts, the She Tea and Guys in Ties events in May, field trips to downtown Baltimore facilitated by Ms. Smith, a highly successful excursion to Six Flags America, and a field day collaboration with another school in the District of Columbia. The events exemplified the work and influence of The Children's Guild in that students exhibited positive behaviors during their social interactions. Mr. Daniel's also shared video and picture highlights from the prom activities. The group discussed pending teaching institutes for staff over the summer to help prepare for the upcoming school year. He mentioned at least half of

the staff will be in the building in July so there is ample time for professional development. Mr. Daniels' informed that the full staff returns on August 7, 2017. (See attached Principal's Report).

Student Recruitment Report

Ms. Giles reported that 167 families have re-enrolled of the 280 current applications. 334 provided intent to return letters were sent out at the beginning of the enrollment process and that outcome yielded the 280 letters. She also reported 73 new families, with 9 registering on myschooldc over the past weekend. Ms. Giles mentioned that her next step is to take scanners and laptops and travel to family's homes to assist with re-enrollment. She mentioned that she and Ms. Wise are calling parents to follow up on recommitments and going out in to the community on Wednesdays to circulate flyers. She also mentioned that recruitment-oriented events are being planned for the ESY session. Ms. Nicholson will share a one-pager with information on the school for Board to use as a talking point for student enrollment. The group also discussed elevating signage around the school to make the location more visible from various angles in the community. Mr. Kros offered to investigate the possibilities of PSA placement and elevated signage for the school.

PTO Report

Ms. Giles reported on the last PTO meeting this month which was attended by 6-7 parents. She explained that they went over the parent organization policy and offered caregivers an opportunity to express concerns. She mentioned that the next meeting is in July and will be a parent workshop centered on using technology including computers and school-related web-based applications.

School Outcome Data and Grants Update (See attached data spreadsheet)

Dr. Arbogast reported that attendance has been at an extreme high and suspensions have been low this month. He also reported that the amount of parent complaints has also remained low during this month. Dr. Arbogast alerted that the Mayor recommended a 1.5 % increase in uniform funding, however, the final outcome was a 3% increase.

Other Items

The board discussed the possibly cancelling the July board meeting and Mr. Kros agreed to discuss with new Board Chair, Mr. Zimmerman and share decision with the Board.

Adjourn

Mr. Kros adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for July 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary