



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, September 11, 2017
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Place: 2146 24TH Place NE, Washington, DC

Minutes

Attendees

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

Not in Attendance

Justin Reaves
Imani Samuels

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Frank Kros
Angélique McKoy
Nakia Nicholson

School

Bryan Daniels

Guests

Bishop Larry Hickey
Carin Hickey

Call to Order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Giles and seconded by Ms. Green. The motion was approved.

Chief Academic Officer's Report *(See attached CAO's report)*

Ms. Nicholson gave an update on the Special Education (SPED) percentage at the school. She reported that because of some reclassifications, there is a larger percentage than previously cited. Ms. Nicholson then gave a PARRC analysis detailing the areas of study that are the test's focus. She also mentioned that reading, writing and speaking from K-12 are the main focal points of the PARRC assessment. Additionally, she informed that there is also a non-fiction content piece that is important as well. Ms. Nicholson explained that the math sections really push back on the use of calculators and push forward with teaching children mathematics through pictures and even drawings (depending on the Individualized Education Plan). Mr. Ferguson presented the suggestion of offering additional tutoring in the more challenging areas addressed in the PARRC exam as a means of further preparing students for future academic success beyond TCGDC.

Principal's Report *(See attached Principal's Report)*

Mr. Daniels recalled the several tours he has given at the school recently and how they have served as a key marketing aspect for profiling TCGDC to the community as well as to potential parents. He spoke about the various learning happening at all grade levels and how the school year is off to a successful start. Mr. Daniels gave highlights on some of the parent involvement since the start of the school year

including a prayer breakfast and new student orientation. He informed that he plans to attend a community prayer breakfast as well and investigating other partnerships that might render after school possibilities for TCDGC students. As it pertains to staffing, he noted that the team is moving towards full staffing with a few openings to be filled.

Community Liaison Report/Parental Involvement Report

Per a community training she attended, Ms. Giles reported that the homeless population in DC is increasing daily. She informed that the school has been providing uniforms to families who have disclosed homelessness. She also mentioned that they provide extra meals as necessary as well as a safe space for conversation and confidentiality. Ms. Giles mentioned the need of acquiring tokens for those in need. She also reported that she is still attending community-related events to invite parents for tours of the school. She also reported that TCGDC is giving a Title I computer class to teach basic computer skills to interested parents. After processing the report from Ms. Giles, Ms. Greene suggested an initiative called *"Giving Back to Move Forward"* which would allow graduating students to donate slightly used uniforms which would be donated to the school, laundered and pressed by the school, and then recycled to incoming students. She spoke of an organic and organized campaign that allows former students to give back in a philanthropic manner, as well as serve as a means to facilitate the needs of the student population.

Board Recognition

Mr. Kros honored Ms. Green for her service as the Board Chair. He lauded her calm demeanor, wisdom and leadership during her time as Board Chair and expressed deep gratitude through the presentation of a commemorative plaque.

Other Items

Ms. Baughns volunteered to join the faith-based community school tour on September 14th and Mr. Kros asked that others from the board consider joining the September 19th tour as well. Mr. Kros also informed the board about the NAREN-TranZed Conference happening on October 19-20th in Annapolis, MD. He also mentioned that the school is seeking additional board volunteers/members and any suggestions of potential candidates should be sent to Mr. Kros.

Adjourn

Mr. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for October 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary