



## The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, October 9, 2017

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Place: Conference Call

### 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

Duane Arbogast  
Steve Howe  
Angélique McKoy  
Nakia Nicholson

#### School

Bryan Daniels

#### Call to Order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Giles. The motion was approved.

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

Ms. Nicholson shared some highlights from the 2016-2017 Annual Report. She expressed that the staff is doing a great job with helping students grow in their foundational skills. Additionally, she highlighted that discipline is also in a good place per the statistics of the annual report. She cited this is in part to the use of Restorative Practices which are working well at the School. She and Mr. Daniels explained that this is a technique used to repair relationships that have been damaged, including those damaged through bullying. It functions by bringing about a sense of remorse and restorative action on the part of the offender and forgiveness by the victim. Ms. Nicholson also shared the work of Language! Live, a program designed to assist teachers with struggling readers as identified in the I-Ready data.

#### Principal's Report *(See attached combined report)*

Mr. Daniels reported on four new transportation hubs that have been added to service the areas where new families live. He explained the need for new hubs as part of the expansion of transportation needs as enrollment grows. Additionally, the School is making sure that transportation staff is equipped to work with the student population and their families in an effort to limit the turnover of transportation workers. Mr. Daniels also reported how teachers are taking a deeper look at how to instructionally address students with academic deficits to meet the I-Ready standards. Ms. Nicholson explained that many of these approaches including sharing unified teaching methods so that there is a common

language in the classrooms and that these techniques are being addressed in the monthly Professional Development sessions. Mr. Daniels also shared that the School is working on community partnerships with the Urban Outreach Mission for before- and after-care programs, the Judah Family Christian Center which has a concentration in childcare facilities, and a potential partnership with Champions, a well-known before- and after-care program affiliated with KinderCare.

**Community Liaison Report/Parental Involvement Report** *(See attached combined report)*

Ms. Giles reported that, as part of the recruitment effort, she visits the homeless shelters as well as attending community meetings to inform constituents about TCGDC and its availability to accept new families. She also highlighted several community events in September and October designed to offer networking opportunities for the School. Ms. Giles informed that the Principal Parent Advisory Committee has successfully formed with four new members. She cited that the meetings will occur monthly and she will send information to the Board for those who would like to attend.

**Other Items**

Dr. Arbogast gave a brief update on current legislature around a proposed law being presented by Mr. Grasso. He stated that the education team will be monitoring the issues over the next several weeks to chart progress of the legislature. Ms. Greene then informed that November 14<sup>th</sup> is the date that DC One cards might be cancelled for some students. Ms. Giles mentioned that she is diligently working with the families to ensure that TCGDC students are not affected by this change.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy  
Recording Secretary