



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, June 11, 2018
Time: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Place: The Children's Guild DC Public School, 2146 24th Place
NE Washington, DC 20018

Minutes

Attendees

Melody Giles
Cleopatra Green-Clarke
Chris Zimmerman (by phone)
Lesley Nesmith
Jawauna Greene
Justin Reaves
Andrew Ross

Not in Attendance

Dana Baughns
John Ferguson
Imani Samuels

The Children's Guild

Josh Sutherland

School

Ashley Posey
Tanna Jackson
Brett Stidham

Call to Order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Education

Bishop Saunders gives a brief history of his pastoral and professional career. He informs the board of his intentions within the organization. Bishop Saunders' main focus at this time is to build a team at each campus and establish an Admissions Department. In the meantime, he states that he is in the process of identifying each individual role and duties assigned. Bishop Saunders states that he is pretty confident that The Children's Guild DC will meet their target enrollment of 450. He reports that his main areas of focus are the following:

1. Recruitment
2. Registration
3. Retention

Bishop Saunders plans to build strong parent advocates as he believes that what parents see, and what they say are essential to recruitment. Bishop Saunders explains to the board and attendees that parents look for seamless care for their children and we will continue to meet that need of the parent. He informs that board and attendees about a newly hired consultant by the name of Adrienne Leonard. Ms. Leonard works out of Chicago, Illinois with a group called Distinguished Schools. He informs the board and participants that Adrienne and her team have successfully met enrollment targets in her area and are diligently working to develop a system to continue to meet the enrollment goals for charter schools. He adds that we will begin to collaborate ideas for our current enrollment season.

Bishop explains to the board and attendees that the focus is on the families who have chosen the DC Charter as their number one preference for next school year. He asks for Board support with building community relations with current connections.

Ms. Giles clarified the process for enrollment and how the preferences are selected. She informs the board and participants that although the parent may have chosen another school as their number 1 preference, we still have the same opportunity to offer that child a seat. Ms. Giles stated that her focus has been reaching out the parents by phone. She added that many parents were under the impression that once they had completed the Intent form, their child's seat was reserved for the upcoming school year. Many of the parents did not know re-registration was necessary. She stated that within the upcoming weeks, she will begin traveling to the homes of the students whom have been unreachable by phone or email.

Financial Report

Josh Sutherland

Proposal to amend management fee agreement. Please see attachment

Proposal to amend management fee approved.

DC Board Meeting Presentation

Dr. Jackson formally introduces the DC Charter's newly hired Assistant Principal Brett Stidham.

Mr. Stidham gives a brief history of his professional career. He introduces a new program called Teach for America. He reports that the great thing about this program is that it gives the school an opportunity to develop a pipeline of teachers in hard to fill positions such as English Language Arts, Science, Mathematics and Special Education. He explains that with the program, the teachers will stay in their placement for at least 2 years. During those 2 years, the goal is to build the skill of the teacher and integrate them with our philosophy and way of educating.

Dr. Ross adds that everything is moving toward the goal of developing Special Education teaching programs in China. A representative from that partnership will be here to visit our schools in the upcoming months to observe our programs.

Dr. Tanna Jackson gives The School Report which includes the following: (Please see attachment)

1. End of the Year Priorities
2. End of the Year Activities
3. Climate and Culture
4. Request for Board Support
5. Parent Liaison Updates

Jawauna Greene added that she will ensure all students who attend The DC Charter will have Metro SmartTrip cards when necessary.

Adjourn

Mr. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (TCGDC) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018.

Submitted by:

Ashley Posey
Recording Secretary