



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, August 14, 2017
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Place: 2146 24TH Place NE, Washington, DC

Minutes

Attendees

Dana Baughns
John Ferguson
Cleo Green
Jawauna Greene
Lesley Nesmith
Justin Reaves
Imani Samuels
Chris Zimmerman

Not in Attendance

Melody Giles

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Frank Kros
Angélique McKoy
Nakia Nicholson

School

Bryan Daniels
Veronica Crawford
Nikisha Blackmon

Call to Order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

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

Finance Report

Mr. Zimmerman shared information about paying a management fee the Children's Guild this year, in the amount of 5 percent. He informed the Board that as a standard practice, the management fee is 12 percent, but has been lowered to reflect the budget. He also shared that the management fee was waived for the 2016-2017 school year. A motion to approve the 5 percent management fee payment to The Children's Guild was made by Ms. Greene seconded by Mr. Reaves. The motion was approved.

Board Education

School staff led the Board on a tour of the facility to better understand the current needs, improvements, and overall environment.

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

Ms. Nicholson provided an overview of student population for the 2017-2018 school year. She informed that enrollment is steadily climbing with the addition of approximately 6-8 new families joining each week. She shared her vision for the school which is aligned with the organizational vision to include 1) fundraising; 2) improving program quality with the re-introduction of whole-brain teaching, opportunities for cross-campus learning between TCGDC and the Monarch Academy, Baltimore City, and art integration in the curriculum; 3) improving marketing and communications; and 4) building diversity

both throughout the staff as well as the student body. Ms. Greene suggested visiting various cultural affairs as a means of reaching potential families for enrollment. She also mentioned recording advertisements in other languages to reach diverse demographics.

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

Mr. Daniels's re-introduced Ms. Crawford, Assistant Principal, and commended her for her contributions this summer to formulating the school schedules and coordinating that effort with the parents. He also introduced Dr. Blackmon who is the new Assistant Principal. He highlighted some of the successful summer events including the WKYS Block Party (community outreach event which provided additional online advertising on the radio station's website in addition to a physical presence at the event), the Back-to School Extravaganza on August 12th, and the completion of the Extended School Year (ESY) which was attended by 70 students. He echoed Ms. Nicholson's report on current enrollment of 369 students. He mentioned that they expect parents to come closer to the start of school to register as several addresses have changed and locating students who move is always a challenge. Mr. Daniels also updated the Board on current vacancies and the dynamics of the current school staffing.

Education Management Organization Updates

Dr. Arbogast announced that Councilman Grasso introduced legislation to ban suspensions and expulsions for Pre-K students. He also explained ESSA (*Every Student Succeeds Act*) reauthorization, which is similar to No Child Left Behind, to include: STAR Framework, PARCC 4+, PARCC 3+, Median Growth Percentile, Growth to Proficiency, Chronic Absenteeism, and Floors and Targets. Dr. Arbogast informed that he will possibly present additional information on ESSA in October when there is more sufficient data. As it pertains to facilities, he reported on the Mayor's City facilities study which examines how schools utilize facilities and the SOAR competitive grant. Lastly, he shared that OSSE data is experiencing challenges with transferring special education data across schools because one school needs to officially release the student in order for the information to transfer to the new school.

Adjourn

Mr. Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (CGDCPCS) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary