



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, May 14, 2018

Time: 6 – 8:00 p.m.

Place: The Children's Guild DC Public Charter School,
2146 24th Place NE Washington, DC 20018

Attendees

John Ferguson
Imani Samuels
Cleo Green-Clarke
Andrew Ross
Chris Zimmerman (by phone)
Justin Reaves (by phone)
Leslie Nesmith

School

Bryan Daniels
Nakia Nicholson
Ashley Posey

Organization

Amanda Henck
Josh Sutherland
Alexis Rice

Call to Order

Mr. Ferguson called the meeting to order in Mr. Zimmerman's absence.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting were approved.

Board Education

The meeting began with Mr. Daniels introducing Ms. Johnson's Kindergarten class. The students presented their understanding of short vowels, long vowels, and reading with expression.

Financial Report

Amanda Henck explained our current financial standing (see attached). She spoke with emphasis on the following:

- * Quarter 3 Results
- * Fiscal Year 2019 Budget
- * Revenues
- * Expenses
- * Cash Usage

The board voted to approve the FY 19 budget.

Updates

Dr. Ross went over school updates. He introduced Alexis Rice who now serves as our Chief of Communications. He briefly spoke on the plans to expand the DC Charter to 9th grade and the location for where he hopes the school will be housed. He and Mr. Daniels explained to the board how the school could possibly take advantage of available space within the church to create a gymnasium.

School Report

Mrs. Nicholson began the Education Report explaining how testing has taken priority. She explained that testing will continue through the last seven weeks of school. She included pictures of "ramp up" activities that the students and staff have done to keep the morale high and keep the students motivated. She explained she

has both schools (Monarch Academy Baltimore and DC Charter) piloting two literacy programs titled Read Well

and Language Live. She spoke on efforts to increase parent support and engagement. Mrs. Nicholson attended a Mindfulness professional development and presented to the board what she learned.

Lastly, Mrs. Nicholson spoke on current staffing needs and standings. She briefly introduced the new Assistant Principal, Mr. Brett Stidham.

Mr. Daniels gave an explanation on how our information and data system has failed to report accurate attendance data and what the plan is to rectify this problem. He spoke on recent suspensions, the cause for the suspensions and the outcome of the restorative conferences upon the students returning to school.

Adjourn

Mr. Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting of The Children's Guild DC Charter School (TCGDC) Board of Directors (BOD) is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2018.

Submitted by:

Ashley Posey
Recording Secretary