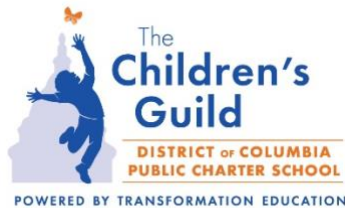


## The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board



Date: Monday, April 13, 2020  
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

### Attendees

Imani Samuels, Board Chair  
Lesley Nesmith  
Dr. Paul Rao  
Dana Baughns  
Cleopatra Green-Clarke  
John Ferguson  
Chris Zimmerman

### The Children's Guild Staff

Dr. Andrew Ross  
Bryan Daniels  
Kathy Lane  
Brandon Turner  
Amanda Henck  
Dr. Gary Kellner  
Ronesha Estep  
Aleisa Fries

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Ms. Samuels  
The Children's Guild D.C. Charter School Board Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm.
2. Public Comment – Ms. Samuels  
None
3. Approval of Minutes – Ms. Samuels (*see attached*)
  - Edits: Paul Rao attended both meetings.
  - Introductions: Aleisa Fries was introduced as scribe.Motion to approve minutes for December and February - Approved.
4. Recommendation by Public Charter School Organization of Role Charter School Boards Should Play During Covid-19 Pandemic – Ms. Lane & Ms. Samuels
  - Ms. Samuels advised that there have been many meetings with PSCB leadership and deputy, OSSE superintendent and DCPS Chancellor that have helped to understand the state that Principals are in and how to support their leadership during this challenging time. Meetings were focused on best practices for remote learning and accessibility, food service and delivery. Discussed roles and funding.
    - Suggested discussion about institution of “wrap around services”.
  - The Children's Guild started a Distance Learning Community of Practice. Established trauma informed support system to put kids first. Workgroups using project management approach, distribution, support line, platforms, related services, special ed, it, middle and high school teams, etc. housed within Microsoft teams for access and leverage.
  - The Children's Guild D.C is applying for a 180-day waiver to include plan for accelerated student learning.
5. Updates - Dr. Ross
  - Dr. Kellner discussed the National Children's Guild Fund Board which has generated \$182K.

- Food solicitation:
  - Most families had adequate amounts of food but could possibly become a crisis later in the summer. Dr. Kellner says we should work with stakeholders in D.C. (rec centers, athletic leagues, churches).
  - The Children's Guild D.C. received a donation from a Board director in the amount of \$13,000 for food.
- Computer solicitations:
  - There is a shortage of chrome books at TCGDC.
  - The Children's Guild is invited to address a foundation board on April 23rd. Dr. Rao suggests that Dr. Ross reach out to David Bradley for assistance.
  - Distributed 160 chrome books to students, 50 remaining. Will need 100 more to provide one for each enrolled student.
- Playground Design:
  - Design meetings have occurred. The plan is to extend the fence to the building next to the church, doubling the space. Will be padded with fitness area.
- Gymnasium:
  - Currently working on the structure, added new front door and new windows.
  - Once roof renovation is complete, will move on to replace the flooring, bathroom and HVAC.

#### 6. Principal's Report – Mr. Daniels

- Mr. Daniels reports the passing of a teacher a few weeks ago. Support has been available for staff and students affected.
- All students should have access to technology at this point.
  - Teacher Assistants are creating non-tech and low-tech activities to send to children who cannot work on the computer.
  - Mailing packets out to students who need or prefer paper lessons.
  - IEP meetings continue to be held virtually.
- Mr. Daniels has held and will continue to hold Professional Development workshops with teachers to review curriculum.
- There are 30 families that have remained unreachable
  - Teachers are sending names of unreachable students, staff attempting to contact via phone call, e-mail or house visit.
- Staffing needs for SY20-21 are being reviewed
  - Virtual interviews will be starting in 2 weeks (May 1).
- Attendance remains the same at 85%
  - 2% short of target
  - 328 enrolled students, 315 in building
  - 161 Special Education
  - 11 non-public (this is a correction as 13 was noted on attachment)
  - 24 students at Level 1
  - 1 at Level 2
  - 0 at Level 3
  - 136 at Level 4
- Discipline rates remains low: 7 suspensions in February; 3 in March.

#### 7. Parent Representatives' Report - Ms. Giles & Ms. Green

- No update

#### 8. Budget Update – Ms. Henck

- Budget is on track as approved in November.
- Revenue will be less due to timing and no national school lunch revenue.
- Expect to see savings on expense side - cost of food, transportation and staffing.
- Projecting to exceed budget and come in at even or above what was projected.

- Readjusted SOAR grant and was using for Professional Development but will be reallocated for tech to help close any gaps and fulfil device needs.

#### 9. Board Nominations – Dr. Ross

- Members up for re-nomination
  - Imani Samuels – completing 1<sup>st</sup> term on June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Chris Zimmerman – completing 2<sup>nd</sup> term on June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - John Ferguson – completing 2<sup>nd</sup> term on June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Lesley Nesmith – completing 2<sup>nd</sup> term on June 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 10. Recruitment Efforts – Ms. Lane and Mr. Turner

- Registration documents are now available online, using DocuSign.
- Registered 24 returning and 15 new families.
- Working with Synergy to expand platform for online registration.
- Invested in social media campaign to start this week.
- There will be a virtual open house in May for all new or interested families.
- Ms. Samuels asked Mr. Turner to share social media campaigns and snapshots of how teachers are doing virtual classes with the Board.

#### 11. Public Charter School Board - Ms. Lane

- Ms. Lane will send Revised Goals electronically post meeting.
  - See attachment

#### 12. Adjourn – Ms. Samuels

The Children's Guild D.C. Charter School Board Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.