



The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board

Date: Monday, April 8, 2019
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Place: 2146 24th Pl NE, Washington, DC 20018

MINUTES

Attendees

John Ferguson
Melody Giles
Chris Zimmerman
Cleopatra Green-Clarke (phone)
Justin Reeves (phone)
Jenny Livelli – Quality Improvement
Bryan Daniels
Nakia Nicholson
Kathy Lane
Leslie Nesmith (phone)
Dana Baughns (phone)
Gary Kellner

Call to order

Mr. Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Ms. Giles made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Baughns seconded the motion. Previous minutes were approved

Reflections following the meeting with DC Public Charter School Board Authority

Mr. Zimmerman spoke about the Board to Board meeting with DC Public Charter School Board. All notes have been exchanged with PCSB and documenting what has been shared, and moving forward what the expectations are supposed to look like instructionally from their perspective.

DC Work Plan Review & Progress Report *(see attached documentation)*

Ms. Lane spoke about the projected plan extending beyond 12 months moving forward with Mrs. Nicholson and Mr. Daniels four prong approach and project manager for accountability purposes. Ms. Lane stated that Mrs. Nicholson will be leading the academic team, Jenny Livelli will be monitoring the compliance, Amanda Henck and Josh Sutherland will be attending to the finances, and Steve Howe will be attending to Retention and Recruitment surrounding staff with monthly meetings in place with progress and takeaways.

Principal's Report *(see attached documentation)*

Mrs. Nicholson talked about the start of PARCC, the preparation going into testing, those being selected for proctoring the test and the student's level of excitement. Over the next seven weeks there will be testing, PARCC and I-Ready. Mrs. Nicholson discussed the instructional coaches halting support with teachers and giving direct instruction to students.

Mr. Daniels discussed the steps being taken by one of the behavior coaches to make changes in the climate and culture surrounding a no bullying venture with the students starting with 1st graders and moving up. Mr. Daniels shared that one of the reasons we are seeing a shift in student behavior is due to a weather change and the upcoming testing streak. Mr. Daniels spoke about the fluctuation in the attendance data and the challenges students are facing with coming to school and the steps being taken moving forward. Mr. Daniels stated that parent concerns are the same and there were four suspensions, and referral numbers have slightly increased, enrollment has stayed at 363 with some students being placed into other schools due to relocation.

Enrollment Report

Mr. Turner spoke about our current student population and the students that have applied through My School DC. Mr. Turner talked about projected numbers that would be needed for the upcoming school year and the steps being taken to ensure that we meet all registration needs for incoming students.

Board Friend Raiser Event (date, location & invitations)

Dr. Kellner spoke about the importance of the board friend raiser for the organization to build partnerships, bring more awareness about the organization and the creation of a list serve. All board members will receive information to share with outside business affiliations.

Board Recruitment & Re-nomination

Mr. Zimmerman spoke about the terms of board members and those listed will be contacted to inquire about their return for the upcoming year.

Adjourn – Mr. Zimmerman