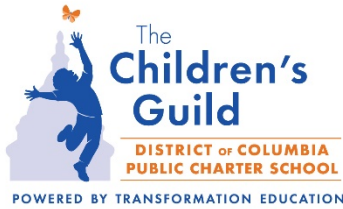


## The Children's Guild DC Charter School Board



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

### Attendees

Imani Samuels, Board Chair  
Lesley Nesmith  
John Ferguson  
Chris Zimmerman  
Michael Curran  
Marie Caputo  
Melody Giles

### The Children's Guild Staff

Dr. Andrew Ross  
Bryan Daniels  
Kathy Lane  
Amanda Henck

**Guests:** Prospective Board Members

### Minutes

1. Call to Order and Welcome of New Board Members and Board Prospects – Ms. Samuels

The Children's Guild D.C. Charter School Board Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm.

Introductions of board members, board prospects and staff – Everyone

#### Newly Appointed Members:

Marie Caputo  
Michael Curran

#### Prospects: (One word to describe themselves)

Robert Seabrooks, Jr.- "Creative"  
Angelo Wong III- "Determined"  
Seema Thomas- "Metal"  
Yolanda Lusane- "Outlier"  
Tiffany Dunston- Not present- "Humble"  
Mayra Figueroa-Clark- "Innovative"

2. Review of Minutes (attached) – Ms. Samuels  
Motion to approve minutes from April and May - Approved.
3. Vote on 2021 School Budget (attached)– Ms. Samuels  
Motion to approve 2021 school budget - Approved.
4. Review of Re-chartering Goals (attached) – Ms. Lane
  - Re-Chartering Goals were reviewed and will be presented to the Public Charter School Board next week for final approval.

## 5. Update – Mr. Daniels

- Decisions for next school year structure will be made by DCPS in July.
- TCGDC is ready and able to meet all re-entry requirements and health standards.
- TCGDC remains in communication with all families to provide support and constant updates.

## 6. Parent Report – Ms. Giles

- Enrollment Update
  - 106 students re-enrolled, 45 new students

## 7. Dismissal of Guests - Ms. Samuels

## 8. Discussion on board prospects - Ms. Samuels

- The nominating, adoption, and onboarding process

### Personality Traits and Skill sets needed:

Engagement, Commitment, Dedication, Loyalty, Cohesion, Trust  
Business Minded, Clinical Background

- Vote on Board Prospects

- All Board Prospects are **approved** to be on Board.
- Ms. Samuels will follow up with new members.

- Nomination and vote on Board Chair

- Board Chair will be voted by new Board post Orientation.
- Suggested to create committees to determine expertise and roles.

- Discussion re: board training time and date for new members on by-laws, committees, EMO contract, and hiring a facilitator

- Firms suggested to be considered for facilitating and partnership:
  - Bellwether Education Partners (Mr. Curran)
  - Education Board Partners (Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Samuels)
  - Maryland Non-Profit Group (Dr. Ross)
  - MAEC (Dr. Ross)
- Ms. Fries will set up meeting with Board members to discuss options.

### Draft agenda for Board Orientation – 6 hours in July

1. Public Charter School Board
2. Role of the Board Vs. Staff Vs. EMO
  - Ms. Caputo suggested adding the description of committee structure
  - Mr. Zimmerman suggested adding team building activities
3. Board-By-laws
  - Ms. Fries will send By-laws to new and potential Board members
4. Review of EMO Management Agreement

5. Students composition and needs; special ed and regular education, the neighborhoods, the school's neighborhood, student support center, related services and extracurriculars
6. TranZed 8 – serving the whole child
  - Mr. Daniels will share the virtual tour of the school
7. Special ed and Regular Ed
  - Ms. Samuels suggested to combine 6 and 7 as one agenda item

#### Draft for Board Retreat Structure – 6 hours in August

1. Committee structure and committee charge for following committees:
  - Finance, Assessment of students, families, charter goals; and Fundraising.
  - Strategic Plan (space and facility issues, solar roof project vs. building up, pre-school); Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Community Awareness.
  - Board Nominating, Recruitment, Recognition, Board Assessment & Training, By-law review.
2. Select a location or catered in meal for a board dinner with spouses/significant others prior to retreat to begin to facilitate relationship development. Paid for by DC Charter.

#### *Suggested additions to agenda:*

3. Vote for Board Chair
4. Establish Meeting Norms

#### 9. Board Recognition- Ms. Samuels & Dr. Ross

Departing Board Members were presented with a plaque of appreciation.

- John Ferguson, Lesley Nesmith, Chris Zimmerman, Imani Samuels

#### 10. Adjourn – Ms. Samuels

The Children's Guild D.C. Charter School Board Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.