

SCHOOL IN THE SQUARE CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

October 23, 2018

MEETING MINUTES

Location: School in the Square

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Michelle DeLong, Peter Gatof (by phone), Scott Gottlieb, Scott Levenson, Aaron Listhaus, Michael Pollack, Walter Rendon, Joel Talish, and Mindy Tucker

Other Attendees: Carrie Amon, Bob Keogh, Evan Meyers, Jennifer Grazel (by phone)

Materials provided to the Board prior to the meeting: September meeting minutes, September dashboard, Meeting presentation, ED report, September financial package, Audited Financial Statement 2017-18, Friends of S2 September financials.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Mr. Pollack opened the meeting at 5:37.

Ms. Amon presented an introduction to a new 8th grade student. This student faced many challenges (both behavioral and academic) at her prior school. S2 agreed to admit her for 8th grade because she had a sibling starting 6th grade. She has worked studiously at academics (attaining a 91 average), her attendance and her behavior. She is making friends and having an extremely successful experience.

Principal's Report: The entire school will begin taking health class.

Test review: Struggling students are engaged in small group instruction. The number of students earning 1s in the school went down on this year's test. District wide the number went up. Many of our students who scored a 1 were one question away from scoring 2 (and similarly, many 2s were one question from a 3). We are tracking all students who are close to switching scores (either up or down) and watching them closely. This year our goal is to have 10% more students obtain a 3 or 4.

The number of students receiving SPED money has gone up each year.

ED Report: Mr. Meyers presented the ED report. He represented the school at a middle school fair earlier in the week. Many people expressed interest in the school. They were excited by the many opportunities we offer our students including afterschool programming and passions.

Mr. Meyers updated the board on the school expansion. Our liaison at SED is supportive of expansion based on our test scores. We will need to submit a revision application and explain what we seek to change and what need that will fill. Mr. Meyers will collect 100 signatures from 4th grade parents who seek to apply for 5th grade spaces. We have hired a consultant to help work on the application. We continue to look for good spaces to house the expanded school.

Finance Committee: Ms. Tucker and Mr. Keogh reviewed the September financials. Ms. Tucker presented the draft of the audited financials for the 2017-2018 year.

Board Voting: The board voted on the following items:

- **Approval of the 9-26-18 Meeting minutes.** Ms. DeLong made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August Board meeting. Mr. Talish seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- **Approval of the 2017-2018 School in the Square Audit.** Mr. Levenson made a motion to approve the audit. Mr. Rendon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted: Michelle DeLong, Secretary