

SCHOOL IN THE SQUARE CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 23, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

Location: School in the Square

Board Members Present (in alphabetical order): Michelle DeLong, Scott Levenson, Aaron Listhaus, Michael Pollack, Walter Rendon, Joel Talish

Other Attendees: Carrie Amon, Cynthia Carrion, Bob Keogh, Monica Merchant, Evan Meyers

Materials provided to the Board prior to the meeting: March meeting minutes, March dashboard, Meeting presentation, ED report, finance package, school Safety Plan, 2019-20 family calendar, Policy on Salary Advances.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Mr. Pollack opened the meeting at 5:40.

**ED Report:** Mr. Meyers updated the board on progress in negotiations for additional space for the school. The additional cost of the additional space will not be fully covered by the rent subsidies S2 can receive. The board discussed the benefits of the space in relation to the additional costs to the budget.

Mr. Meyers detailed the upcoming summer program and continued progress of students.

The school has received one new large gift. We are planning to have a strategic plan in place before the October 17 fundraiser.

The school is thinking about alumni success – what it looks like and how to achieve it. We are thinking of ways to quantify results going forward.

**Operations:** Ms. Merchant explained the School Safety Plan and the various drills the school conducts to prepare for possible emergencies. Ms. Merchant outlined the various roles of the Ops department.

**Academic Committee:** Mr. Levenson presented the committee's third quarter review to the board. Student achievement has increased greatly throughout the year. Small group instruction is very targeted to cover gaps in student knowledge. The committee continued to discuss grading policies.

**Board Voting:** The board voted on the following items:

- **Approval of the 3-26 Meeting minutes.** Mr. Rendon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March board meeting. Mr. Listhaus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

- **Approval of the 2019- 2020 Family Calendar.** Ms. DeLong made a motion to approve the proposed calendar. Mr. Talish seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
- **Salary Advance Policy:** Mr. Talish made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Rendon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted: Michelle DeLong, Secretary