

SCHOOL IN THE SQUARE CHARTER SCHOOL

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 28, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Location: By Zoom

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

Other Attendees: Carrie Amon, Cynthia Carrion, Alan Dichter, Cecilia Espinosa, Evan Meyers, Carmen Tejada,

Materials provided: PowerPoint presentation of school status

BUSINESS MEETING:

Mr. Pollack opened the meeting at 5:38.

Mr. Pollack formally introduced Carmen Tejada and Cecilia Espinosa to the board. The board is considering nominating both Ms. Tejada and Ms. Espinosa to become members. Each board member spoke about their experiences on the board and Ms. Espinosa and Ms. Tejada spoke about their backgrounds as well.

Mr. Meyers spoke about the impact of Covid on the school community and actions S2 is taking to ease the difficulties for families in the community.

Ms. Amon reviewed the remote learning experience. She showed the board schedules, videos made by teachers, boards students are entering comments on and other tools being used by the teachers and leadership team. Ms. Amon also discussed programs implemented for SpEd students and ELLs. Teachers have learned a tremendous amount and are doing a great job with the students. New tutoring programs are in place for students who need extra help.

Ms. Carrion discussed the school's connection to the Washington Heights community and what the school is doing to assist families. (Prior to the pandemic, 82% of families were FRPL). S2 is working with families to help with food, counseling and other needs.

Mr. Talish reviewed development updates with the board.

At 7:15 Ms. DeLong made a motion to go into executive session to discuss election of board president. Mr. Rendon seconded the motion.

At 7:30 the board came out of executive session. Mr. Pollack asked the board to vote on Scott Levinson to be the new President of the Board of School in the Square effective July 1. The board voted unanimously.

Mr. Talish moved to approve the Mach minutes. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle DeLong, Secretary