



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

2917 8th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2022
5:30 PM ET

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:35 PM.

II. Roll Call

Board Member	Present	Absent
Austin Alderdice	X	
Anisa Bailey	X	
Shereefat Balogun	X	
Allison Barr	X	
Rebecca Doherty	X	
Neha Patel	X	
Susan Sabella	X	
Kerry Smith	X	

a. Approval of Board Agenda

Motion: Neha Patel Support: Allison Barr

b. Approval of Board Minutes from May 19, 2022

A correction was made noting that Austin Alderdice and Kerry Smith were present at the May 19, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion: Kerry Smith Support: Anisa Bailey

III. Presentation

a. Break the Norm Wrap Up Presentation

A recap from Break the Norm was presented by Rachel Saathoff. Activities and class summaries of the 10-week program were presented, highlighting the five practices of exemplary leadership.

ACTION ITEM: Melissa Morris and Alexis Giles to gather partnership photos for social media content. Rebecca Doherty has requested a stronger social media presence with consistent posting activity.

IV. Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

- a. Approval of FY23 Budget
 The financial budget was presented by Eva Spilker.
 The 2022-2023 budget was approved as proposed.
 Motion: Susan Sabella Support: Allison Barr
 Yays – 8 Nays – 0

V. New Business/Action Items

- a. Approval of Filtered Water Contract, Pure Water
 A request was made to include the total amount due on the contract. This item will be revisited at the next board meeting.
- b. Approval of Food Service Renewal
 A narrative was requested for this purchase. This item will be revisited at the next board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Board members would like to document that all purchase request be presented with a narrative and include historical information.

- c. Approval of 2022-2023 Board Calendar
 Motion: Allison Barr Support: Kerry Smith
- d. Approval of Board Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Allison Barr
 Motion: Susan Sabella Support: Kerry Smith
 Yays – 8 Nays – 0
- e. Approval of New Board Chair, Kerry Smith
 Motion: Rebecca Doherty Support: Susan Sabella
 Yays – 8 Nays – 0
- f. Approval of Curricula
 - Black History 365
 - Eureka Math
 - Goalbook
 - Imagine Learning
 Motion: Kerry Smith Support: Susan Sabella
 Yays – 8 Nays – 0

ACTION ITEM: A survey to be presented to teachers for their feedback on curricula.

VI. CMO Report

- a. Academic Support Update
 The academic update was presented by Alexis Giles. Ms. Giles provided the end of year NWEA MAP data, expeditionary learning plan and information on PLA University, a free virtual workforce program for PLA families.
- b. State of School Report
 The state of school report was provided by Principal, Okiemute Pela and Assistant Principal, Ashley Stone. Kierra Jenkins gave an update on enrollment and recruitment. Ms. Pela discussed attendance, family engagement events, stepping up ceremonies, and addressed the uptick of suspensions and the plan to decrease these numbers.

ACTION ITEM: Kerry Smith requested to discuss at the next board meeting what the process is to get accepted into competitive high schools.

The Board would like to request that the Dean of Culture and Climate attend an upcoming board meeting to give an overview of their plans and strategies, and their tiered support system.

Rebecca Doherty request that both staff and scholar attendance be included on the State of School report, along with staff attrition.

VII. Committee Updates

None

VIII. Old Business

- a. End-of-Year Assessments
- b. Enrollment Update
- c. Inflation Update in Response to Raise the Bar
- d. Chromebook Expenditure
 - Inventory of Technology
 - One Page Overview

ACTION ITEM: Due to time, all old business items to be addressed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting, in addition to a discussion on benefits and salaries from Human Resources.

IX. Open Communication/Public Comments

- a. Please limit comments to agenda items only and no more than three (3) minutes

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Motion: Susan Sabella

Support: Kerry Smith