

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Members present: Olubunmi Eigli, Manu Bhagavan, Richard T. Bogle,
Jeanette Betancourt. Maura Fitzgerald, Melissa Chin

Others present: Brian Ferguson, Jeffrey Aler, Mark Crusante, Lucille Ranchor, Randi Berry,
Dechelle Damien, Karrine Montaque, Mihwa Park, Jayme Pabon

The meeting began with greetings from everyone. Mr. Brian Ferguson then informed everyone that the meeting will be recorded and transcribed.

Mrs. Ranchor starts off with an update on admissions and enrollment.

Admissions and Enrollment Report: Lucille Ranchor

Mrs. Ranchor gave an update on what the current enrollment is at both schools, OWNCS 1 and OWNCS 2. At the moment, there are 721 students who are actively enrolled in OWNCS 1 and 180 students enrolled at OWNCS 2. Both schools are preparing for orientations, which will be held virtually. The Kindergarten orientation for OWNCS 1 is scheduled to be held on the 29th of May while the orientations at OWNCS 2 will be held during the following week.

- The Kindergarten orientation has a different set up from the upper grades at OWNCS 1.
- Both OWNCS 1 & 2 orientations will have the same format.
- The teachers have prepared PowerPoint presentations to present to the new families.
- The principals will also participate and be available for the Q&A portion of the orientation.

Mrs. Ranchor also reported that she is currently working with Mark Crusante on the advertisement of the schools through the local papers and she hopes to use other avenues in the near future.

CEO Report: Brian Ferguson

- Mr. Brian Ferguson reported that the distance learning program at our schools have been successful so far. The main focus was on engaging both the children and the parents. Everyone is in communication with one another and most students are on track with the program.
- Teachers continue to have their faculty meetings to discuss the academic progress of their students, the assessment program that has just begun and on how to improve the implementation of the distance learning program. They are also in contact with their building leaders to work on how they will be wrapping up the school year and what their lesson plans will look like in the upcoming school year.
- Discussion of the plans of reopening in the Fall are still occurring with the building leaders. Currently, the schools are waiting on the CDC, DOE, NYSED to announce some

guidance of their plans on reopening. Mr. Brian Ferguson is also in contact with the SUNY Charter School Institute to learn of what some of the options may be.

- Dr. Jeannette Betancourt asked if there is a coordination with the sum of what each student is receiving for the food supplement during the summer and Mr. Brian Ferguson informed her that whatever information that the schools received is on the school website. From his understanding, not all students receive a sum but only those who receive free & reduced lunch and the funds will be loaded onto the EBT cards. He is unsure if all receive a sum, but he is absolutely certain that the children who receive free & reduced lunch are the priority.

Facilities Committee Report: Richard Bogle

Mr. Bogle gave an update on OWN 1's request of its two landlords for rental relief. Both landlords rejected the requests.

No real news on OWN 3 at the moment.

Finance & Audit Committee Report: Karrine Montaque

No report since Ms. Karrine Montaque is currently working on the budget.

Parent Teacher Organization Report: Randi Berry and Dechelle Damien

Ms. Damien and Ms. Berry updated the board on continuing the support families.

- PTO has been continuing to provide laptops and iPads for the families in need. They were able to donate 17 so far.
- Currently working on putting together a mutual aid group to help and support any families who are in trouble.
- Online auction is still up and running. They are planning to close it at the end of the month.
- Yoga weekly was originally supposed to be offered in May for teacher appreciation week but it got extended through June so teachers will be able to enjoy yoga weekly until the end of the year.
- PTO will hold an online book fair during the first three weeks of June for those families who are planning to do some summer reading.
- Lastly, PTO will be starting school supply order. The vendor has agreed to deliver to the homes if the schools are not open.

OWN 1 Faculty Report: Jayme Pabon

Ms. Pabon stated that assessment week has begun, and it has been going very well. The students have been submitting their assessments in a timely manner. Ms. Pabon also mentioned that all the grade levels (including the specials) are preparing slide shows for the orientations and the Middle School is also preparing for the moving up ceremonies for each grade level.

Meeting Adjourned