

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Board Members present: Maura Fitzgerald, Jeanette Betancourt

Others present: Brian Ferguson, Mihwa Park, Douglas Ricketts Shereen Hosny-Bonilla, Kat Casey, Fabio Cuellar

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

CEO Report: Brian Ferguson

- Provides a brief update on the IB program
- Introduces new HR manager everyone
- discusses the process of resurrecting job descriptions and the changes implemented over the years.
- Presents a data report that is provided at the end of each month and the focus on attendance rates. highlights the impact of COVID-19 on attendance rates and the efforts of principals to identify and address absenteeism.
- Explains the importance of digging deeper into attendance data to identify specific children at risk.
- Discusses the poverty index and its impact on funding and eligibility for grants, noting the disproportionate impact on Title One funds.
- Highlights the importance of keeping children in school to avoid negative impacts on achievement data.
- Discussed the timeline for renewing charters, with a focus on aligning with budget cycles and ensuring compliance.
- Provides an update on the audit process, noting the successful completion and submission of required documents.

Parent Association: Kat Casey

- Transition in parent association leadership and the challenges of filling open positions.
- Highlights the importance of parent engagement, especially at the middle school level, and the efforts to remove barriers for parent involvement.
- Discusses goals of the parents association, including amplifying school messaging and removing financial barriers for parents.
- Discusses the efforts to develop partnerships with local community organizations to support school events and fundraising.

Meeting Adjourned

Emergency Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, December 13, 2024

Board Members present: Maura Fitzgerald, Jeanette Betancourt, Liz Fernandez, Olubunmi Emigli, Kalimah Ayele, Melissa Chin

Others present: Brian Ferguson, Mihwa Park, Mark Crusante, Douglas Ricketts

The meeting was under the Open meetings law compliance .

Annual Review of Board Terms and Election of Trustees

The Board conducted its annual review of board terms, which are as follows:

Expiring 2024

Jeanette Betancourt

Kalimah Ayele

Expiring 2025

Melissa Chin

Expiring 2026

Liz Fernandez

Richard Bogle

Olubunmi Emigli

Maura Fitzgerald

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the Trustees:

RESOLVED to re-elect Jeanette Betancourt for a term ending in 2027; and

RESOLVED to re-elect Kalimah Ayele for a term ending in 2027.

Annual Election of Officers

As per OWN by-laws, officer positions are elected each year at the annual meeting.

Upon motions duly made, seconded and carried, the TRUSTEES:

RESOLVED to re-elect Jeanette Betancourt as PRESIDENT;

RESOLVED to re-elect Melissa Chin as VICE PRESIDENT;

RESOLVED to re-elect Maura Fitzgerald as SECRETARY;

RESOLVED to elect Olubunmi Emigli as Treasurer.

OWNCS Board of Trustees BYLAWS

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Trustees:

RESOLVED to approve to revise the OWNCS bylaws.

1. Adjust the required number of board members to 5-7 - No fewer than 5 and no more than 7 members.
2. Annual meeting to be changed from November to the first official meeting of the fiscal year.
3. Eliminate the requirement of having school parents to serve on the board.

Resolution on OWNCS 2 Middle School Expansion on the next page.

Meeting adjourned