

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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

Others present: Brian Ferguson, Mihwa Park, Keith Alves, Douglas Ricketts, Richard Lee , Gina Patino, Saraya Carver, Zimmadia Imam, Lizette Villegas, Kat Casey, Silvia, Fabio Cuellar, Stephanie Rochman, Anita Angrum

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

CEO Report: Brian Ferguson

- Introduced the agenda, starting with Ms. Patino's presentation on the IB program.

IB Report: Gina Patino

- Discussed the adoption of a new learning management system, Toddle, after an eight-week pilot period. Toddle is praised for its user-friendliness and ability to manage digital student portfolios.
- Mentioned updates to the IB program, with full implementation by September 2027. The updates aim to increase student agency and create globally connected units.
- OWN 1 Fifth grade exhibition will open to the community for the first time on June 18th.
- OWN 2 is currently preparing for IB authorization with a final consultation meeting scheduled.

OWN 1 ES Updates: Stephanie Rochman

- Announced that she has been selected to be the permanent principal starting next school year with Mr. Christopher Palmisano as the assistant principal.
- Professional development on IB policies, particularly the Language Policy and Academic Integrity Policy, is emphasized.
- The school has implemented inquiry-based approaches and showcases for students to present their learning.
- Parent engagement activities include IB parent chats and collaborative efforts like an IB bulletin board.

OWN 2 Updates: Anita Angrum

- Discussed the three main goals: safeguarding students, academic excellence, and parent outreach.
- Parent outreach includes monthly meetings and meet-and-greet sessions to foster communication and engagement.
- Monthly coffee chats and academic workshops are part of the parent engagement efforts.
- The school collaborates with Child Mind Institute for additional support.
- There was a 76% increase in i-Ready scores for sixth graders, 46% for seventh graders, and 57% for eighth graders.

Finance Report: Keith Alves

- Introduced as the new director of Finance
- Presented a financial overview for the current fiscal year.
- Gross revenues are at \$27 million, with expenditures slightly above \$26 million, resulting in a net income of \$1 million.
- The budget is based on a full enrollment of 1600 students, with the current enrollment at 86%, or 1376 FTEs of students.
- The impact of rental assistance on the budget performance is discussed, with specific details provided for each school.
- The importance of accurate financial reporting and budget management is emphasized, with efforts to ensure the school's financial stability.

OWNCS 1 PA Report

- Addressed issues and concerns.
- Emphasized the need for clear communication

OWNCS 3 PA Report

- Shared upcoming PA events with the school.

Meeting Adjourned