



TWO RIVERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 9, 2019

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order

The meeting of the Two Rivers Board of Trustees started at 6:05pm.

Board Members

Clara Haskell Botstein, Chair	Present
Justin Valentine, Vice Chair	Present
Ali Khawar, Secretary	Present
Jason Miller, Treasurer	Present
Grace Aduroja, Trustee	Present
Anne Lackritz, Trustee	Present
Eli Schlam, Trustee	Present, On Phone
Nick Rodriguez, Trustee	Present
Anne McElwain, Trustee	Present, On Phone
Kimberly Rollins, Trustee	Present, On Phone
Saumil Shah, Trustee	Present
Matthew Steenhoek, Trustee	Present
Lucas Pipes, Trustee	Absent
Reem Labib Tyson, Trustee	Absent
Adrian Jordan, Trustee	Absent
Jessica Wodatch, Executive Director and Ex Officio	Present

Others Present

Bob Cooper, Parent, Safe Passage Chair
Karena Dees, Parent
Khizer Husain, Director of External Relations
Sarah Richardson, Chief Financial Officer
Kenneth McCants-Pearsall-Chief Academic Officer
Michelle Kimso, Executive Assistant



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Public Comment

Bob Cooper, parent of 4 students at Young and Safe Passage Chair, opened the public comment on Safe Passage at Young. Mr. Cooper shared the positive changes which have happened at Young are crossing guards on Phelps driveway and new railings. He stated that there is no safe way to get to campus. Mr. Cooper asked to create a solid path going forward, to have improved communication with all stakeholders. Mr. Cooper proposed an alternate entrance from 26th Street, an accessible entrance, proper (height appropriate) handrails, sidewalk, and crosswalk. He is concerned about building the middle school without dealing with the elementary school first.

Karena Dees, parent of 2 students at Young, commented that the Safe Passage group wants to be included and the school needs their input. She added that the group is not being heard and that Safe Passages only succeeds if the school succeeds.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

The Board unanimously approved the September 9th meeting agenda.

Governance

It was announced that Trustee Miller's last meeting would be October, 2019. He is stepping down after serving on the Board for 5 years.

Following the announcement, Secretary Khawar proposed the following votes:

- Vote on New Treasurer, Trustee Jordan
- Vote on New Board Member Aswathi Zachariaiah

Both proposed votes passed unanimously.

Academic Excellence

CAO McCants-Pearsall gave an overview of Two Rivers' PARCC results. The results were among the highest in the city in both ELA and Math. Students continuously enrolled at Two Rivers continued to grow. Our students with special needs also out scored city ELA proficiency in reading. The achievement gap persists, as there is a gap between White Students, Black Students, Latinx Students and At-risk Students. McCants-Pearsall noted that to address the gaps, the instructional focus for the year is to improve math outcomes with students of color. Two Rivers also began a new Math curriculum for Elementary & Middle Schools.



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MS 2020

CFO Richardson updated the board with MS 2020 progress. Each grade level will have their own community space. There is a large outdoor space with multi-use possibilities.

Richardson presented the following Memo which was sent to trustees in advance of the meeting:

- Financing Projections and Term Sheets - memo regarding term sheet from Capital Impact to replace the direct loan from SunTrust bank to TwoRivers PCS and term sheet from Schola Fund for loan to Two Rivers for construction of the middle school on the Young campus once counsel has reviewed, dated September 9, 2019, submitted by Sarah Richardson
 - Recommendation - approve financing to complete the middle school project.

Finance Committee

CFO Richardson reported that Q4 had higher revenue and lower expenses, due to unfilled positions at the Senior level.

Richardson presented the following Memos which were sent to trustees in advance of the meeting:

- Behavior specialist - memo regarding contract with Applied Behavior Analysis services for individual students and school consultation services, dated September 9, 2019, by Laura Lorenzen, Director of Student Support and Sarah Richardson
 - Recommendation - contracting with Early Autism Solutions for FY20.
- Psychological Evaluations - memo regarding contracting out psychological evaluation in order to meet compliance deadlines, dated September 9, 2019, by Laura Lorenzen and Sarah Richardson
 - Recommendation - contracting with both Kingsbury Wellness and Learning Group and Ellis Therapeutic for FY20.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously to approve all three recommendations



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Governance Committee

Secretary Khawar proposed a vote on the Staff Handbook for SY19-20, noting the following changes from last year, of which the board was provided with in a memo prior to the board meeting.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously approved the handbook.

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Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Prepared by:
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Executive Assistant

Submitted by:
Ali Khawar /s/
Secretary