

**Perry Street Preparatory Public Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2019**

**Members Present:** Cindy Brown, Vinette Brown, Consuelo Nelson, Katie Noonan, Darwin Bagley, Catherine Randall

**Phone:** Harold Bardonille, Martinique Freed

**Others Present:** Rachel Crouch (Principal), Kelly Smith (Director of Operations), Alexandra Pardo (TenSquare), Denise Edwards (Sojourner Truth)

**Called to Order:**

Cindy Brown officially called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

**Sojourner Truth Presentation:**

Denise Edwards, Principal of Sojourner Truth Montessori Public School, gave a presentation to the PSP Board on the planned expansion of Sojourner Truth in the next two years. Sojourner Truth is searching for a new location for the expanded school in 2020, and would like to consider PSP's third floor as an option.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The July Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and no needed edits were noted. Katie Noonan moved to approve; Consuelo Nelson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Leadership Update:**

Ms. Crouch reported on PSP's PARCC score results. PSP's ELA scores jumped by 9 percentage points from the prior year. PSP's ELA 3+ scores exceeded the citywide average, and PSP's ELA 4+ scores improved 11 percentage points and are near the charter school average for grades 3 to 8. PSP's math 3+ scores jumped by 14 percentage points, and math 4+ scores showed modest improvement. PSP demonstrated strong outcomes for SPED students. PSP 3+ scores for SPED students in both math and ELA were above the charter and state averages, and 4+ SPED student math and ELA scores were at charter and state averages.

Ms. Crouched reported that the PMF data is still being finalized and the data validation process is ongoing.

Ms. Crouch shared that PSP teachers had returned that week and started receiving professional development to prepare them for the beginning of the school year. For both math and ELA, professional development will focus on curriculum, lesson planning, and how to better engage students.

Ms. Smith shared that the PSP leadership team was invited to present at the National Charter School Conference in Las Vegas in July. The PSP leadership team, along with TenSquare and

WestEd, lead professional development on school turnaround through coaching for conference participants.

Ms. Smith reported that the Impact Study on PSP being completed by WestEd will soon be finalized and is expected to be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Ms. Smith reported that PSP was awarded a \$350K 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant to fund after-school programs for students. PSP was one of two schools to receive the grant. PSP is also currently in the process of wrapping up the final stages of its SOAR facilities grant which ends September 3, 2019.

Ms. Smith provided an update on Finances and the 2019-20 Budget to the Board. A budget amendment is expected based on the new recently won grants.

Ms. Smith reported that 414 students have registered for the 2019-20 school year, exceeding the 388 student enrollment target.

The Board reviewed and voted on pending procurement bids and renewals:

- Wright Specialty/ Markel Business Insurance: Harold Bardonille moved approve; Consuelo Nelson seconded. The Board voted to approve.
- Renewal of DC Health Link contract: Vinette Brown moved to approve; Catherine Randall seconded. The Board voted to approve.

The Board reviewed and voted on adopting new policies and recommendations:

- OSSE recommended update to Fiscal Policy Manual language around Federal Grant Requirements: Harold Bardonille moved to approve; Consuelo Nelson seconded. The Board voted to approve.
- Auditor recommendation to update system for recording net assets: Katie Noonan moved to approve; Vinette Brown seconded. The Board voted to approve.

**Next Meeting:**

October 15, 2019, 8:30 am.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.