

**Perry Street Preparatory Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2019**

Members Present: Cindy Brown, Vinette Brown, Consuelo Nelson, Katie Noonan, Darwin Bagley, Catherine Randall, Harold Bardonille, Martinique Freed

Others Present: Rachel Crouch (Principal), Kelly Smith (Director of Operations), Alexandra Pardo (TenSquare), Bruce Newby (Board Candidate)

Called to Order:

Cindy Brown officially called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.

Board Membership:

The Board voted on the nomination of new Board Member, Mr. Bruce Newby. Harold Bardonille moved to approve; Katie Noonan seconded. The Board approved the nomination unanimously.

The Board voted to renew the terms of its current slate of officers: Cindy Brown, Chair; Consuelo Nelson, Vice Chair; Harold Bardonille, Treasurer; Vinette Brown, Secretary. Harold Bardonille moved to approve; Martinique Freed seconded. The Board approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

The August Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and no needed edits were noted. Vinette Brown moved to approve; Consuelo Nelson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Leadership Update:

Ms. Crouch reported on PSP's 2018-19 PMF data with the Board. PSP has attained Tier 1 status, the highest rating given by the DC Public Charter School Board, due to the school's high PMF score growth. From 2015 to 2019, PSP's PMF score grew from 30.9% (Tier 3) to 69.4% (Tier 1). Notable gains on the PMF included: ELA 3+ grew from 42.4% to 62.5%; ELA 4+ grew from 17.4% to 30.4%; Math 3+ grew from 35.6% to 51.4%; and Re-Enrollment grew from 68.4% to 82.2%. PSP has met and exceeded its Charter School PMF goal.

Ms. Crouched shared that due to PSP's successes, the school had recently been recognized on a number of platforms and events, including: the Washington Post, WAMU, Charter School Superstars Podcast, Superintendent's Advisory Council Panel, and a school visit from Ward 5 DC State Board of Education representative, Zachary Parker.

Ms. Crouch shared that the PCSB has approved changes to the 2019-20 PMF for elementary and middle schools, including separating out elementary (grades PS to 5) and middle school (grades 6 to 8) grades for PARCC outcomes, removing 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math gateways, and changing floors and targets for PARCC and CLASS. PSP has set PMF goals for 2019-20 to reach a PMF score of 70 or higher.

Ms. Smith shared that PSP is fully compliant with PCSB. Additionally, Board Chair, Cindy Brown, signed on to a letter from charter school board chairs regarding the transparency legislation in the DC Council.

Ms. Smith reported that PSP has closed out its Charter School Dissemination Grant, and kicked off the new 21st Century Grant. Through the 21st Century Grant, PSP is providing free Before and Aftercare for over 200 students daily, and has hired 6 part-time employees to support teachers with student supervision and tutoring. PSP has also received preliminary approval of a new SOAR Facilities Grant to improve accessibility to the building through adding ramping to the front entrance, updating bathrooms, and repaving the parking lot.

Ms. Smith provided an update on fiscal year to date Financials to the Board. PSP is in a good financial position and a positive variance is forecasted.

Ms. Smith reported that 402 students are enrolled for the 2019-20 school year, exceeding the 388 student enrollment target.

The Board reviewed the DC Council's new School Safety Omnibus Act, which all schools will be required to comply with beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

Next Meeting:

January 21, 2020, 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.