



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

DC Bilingual Public Charter School  
33 Riggs Road, NE Washington, DC  
Tuesday, January 7, 2020  
8:30AM

### **Board Members**

**Present:** D. Gershowitz, B. F. Guillen-Woods, R. Lambert, A. Lemon-Strauss, L. Parris, N. Ramey, M. Taddese

**Participating by Phone:** D. Z. Shaw, A. Suarez, C. Peyton

**Absent:** S. Redd

### **School Leadership:**

- Alexandra Alderman – Director of Development
- Daniela Anello – Head of School
- John Breyer – Chief Financial Officer

### **Guests:**

- Jessica Cambell, PTA President
- Josh Eyre, EdOps

N. Ramey called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

N. Ramey moved to approve the December scheduled meeting and the December ad hoc meeting minutes, R. Lambert seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

### **1. Head of School Report**

Daniela briefed the Board on key activities from December, including the successful performances of the Nutcracker and Winter Concert. Over 1,000 people watched the live stream of the Winter Concert this year.

Daniela previewed that on February 4 the Board will be having the main vote on growth and she showed the planned agenda for the meeting and asked for input on what else Board members will want to know at the February 4 meeting to feel comfortable making a decision. The Board discussed ensuring that parent and staff voices are heard and their concerns are addressed.



Board members should send questions and requests for information that they want included in the February presentation by January 21.

## **2. Conversation with PTA President**

Jessica Campbell, PTA President, joined the Board meeting to talk about the role of the PTA and the deep engagement that it has with the school community. More information and examples are in the Board packet. Jessica talked about the PTA's role in the growth process, which involved hosting conversations between parents and staff and raising visibility about the process and the parent input survey. Jessica mentioned the challenges of engaging with all parents on the timeline that we had.

Richard asked about how the PTA engages with Spanish-dominant parents. Jessica expressed her interest in increasing the participation from Spanish-dominant family and talked about ways of bringing the full community to meetings and events. Daniela asked Jessica to talk about the challenges of recruiting parents to serve in PTA leadership roles, which Jessica confirmed and talked about ways she is reducing workload for PTA involvement. Cyndey asked about the dues and if they are a barrier. Dues are \$10/adult and are not required to be a PTA member.

## **3. Development Committee**

Alex walked through the updated Development Dashboard. She highlighted that while the overall news is positive (we are forecasting ahead of our fundraising budget), there is concern because we are behind in our fundraising for general operations. The Finance Committee will be presenting a growth scenario that assumes lower ongoing operations fundraising than currently envisioned.

## **4. Finance and Facilities Committee**

Joshua from EdOps walked through the October financials, which are included in the Board packet. John provided an overview of the inducement and reimbursement resolutions drafted by Arent Fox to provide protections to the school if the growth plan involved bond financing. This does not involve a commitment to growth or any particular form of financing.

**BOARD VOTE:** "The Board approves the inducement and reimbursement resolutions as included in the January Board packet." A. Lemon-Strauss called for questions and a vote; D. Gershowitz seconded; Board voted unanimous consent.

The Board looked at the declining trend in DCB's at risk population and expressed interest in engaging with PCSB and the broader DC government to ensure that our growth is consistent with serving additional at risk students.



Clark Charitable Trust has asked the school to engage with Level Field to review the financials of our growth plan to help inform a potential growth gift from Clark Charitable Trust. Clark will reimburse the costs of the engagement.

**5. Governance Committee**

Lori presented the resumes and letters of interest for two new potential members, Iris Juarez (a current parent) and Ahmar Abbas.

**BOARD VOTE:** “The Board approves the addition of Iris Juarez to the Board of Directors.” L. Parris called for questions and a vote; B. F. Guillen-Woods seconded; Board voted unanimous consent.

**BOARD VOTE:** “The Board approves the addition of Ahmar Abbas to the Board of Directors.” L. Parris called for questions and a vote; B. F. Guillen-Woods seconded; Board voted unanimous consent.

**5. Growth Committee**

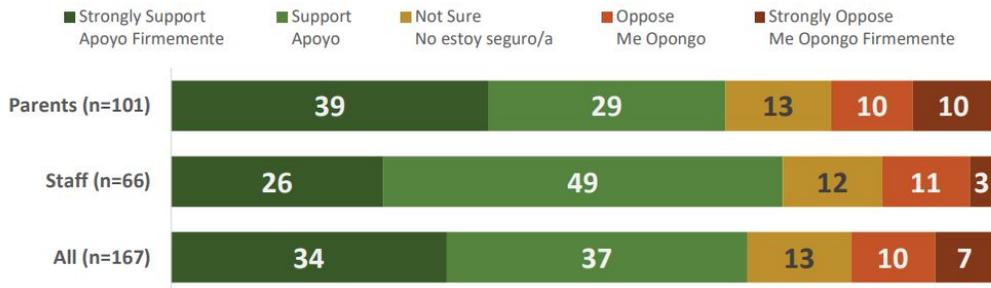
Blanca walked through the results of the growth survey that went out to parents and staff, which is included in the Board packet and pasted at the bottom of these minutes. Overall, 68% of parents and 75% of staff support growth. Nadia commended Daniela and the school leadership for the outreach to staff in particular, with 100% of staff expressing at least some knowledge of the growth plans.

The Board reviewed all submitted comments and discussed the right way to publish the feedback and respond to the questions/concerns.

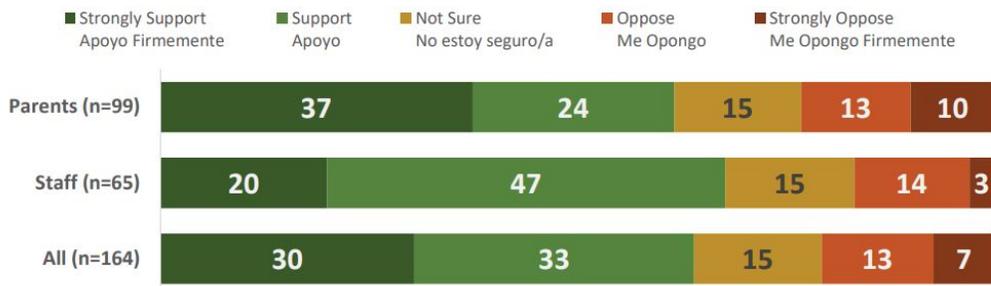
Nadia closed with a review of the open Board meeting and the positive feedback from parents. The Board expressed interest in continuing to host open Board meetings on a regular basis, potentially twice a year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:59am

**In general, to what extent do you support DCB growth?  
¿En general, en qué medida apoya el crecimiento de DCB?**



**To what extent do you support the proposed plan for DCB growth?  
¿En qué medida apoya el plan propuesto para el crecimiento de DCB?**



**How knowledgeable are you with the proposed plan for DCB growth?  
¿Qué tan bien informado está con el plan propuesto para el crecimiento de DCB?**

