

# KIPP DC

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:00 am-1:00 pm

KIPP DC Headquarters

**Board Members:** John Duff, Terry Golden, Tony Lewis, Briana Robinson, Susan Schaeffler, Jud Starr, Reggie Workman (by phone), Alan Wurtzel, Pam Yee

Quorum Present: Yes 9 (8 in person, 1 by phone)

**KIPP DC Staff:** Dane Anderson, Tom Clark, Abe Clayman, Katie Cole, Jami Dunham, Justin Ellis, Allison Fansler, Kate Finley, Becca Furst-Nichols, Anna Gregory, Ed Han, Althea Holford, Stacie Kossoy, Mekia Love, Kevin Mehm, Jacque Patterson, Adam Rupe, Saumil Shah, Tevera Stith, Susan Toth, Lea Vivian

**External:** Barry Caldwell

*Fansler called the meeting to order at 11:04 am*

### Welcome & Introductions – Allison Fansler

- Board members, guests, and staff introduced themselves

### Consent Agenda – Allison Fansler

- Fansler called for a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included *Minutes from the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, Minutes from the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Phone Call, Development Report, Discipline Committee report, and Finance Committee report*
  - Duff moved to approve the consent agenda
  - Lewis seconded the motion
  - Items within the consent agenda were unanimously approved

### Management Report – Allison Fansler, Saumil Shah

- Fansler shared recent highlights at KIPP DC including the Man the Block safe passage initiative, Pride Parade, and the First Day of School
- Shah shared details about the successful Somerset Campus opening – reaching 99% of targeted enrollment, having a full hired staff, Somerset Team & Family Day, as well as items to focus on for the remainder of the school year
- Fansler introduced the topic of transparency in relation to the legislation that is currently being discussed by the D.C. Council and Public Charter School Board
- Fansler shared the current KIPP DC transparency policy, [transparency website](#), and what the proposed policy would include
- Fansler called for a motion to adopt the proposed Transparency Policy
  - Duff moved to adopt the Transparency Policy
  - Schaeffler seconded the motion
  - The Transparency Policy was unanimously approved

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- Fansler shared an update on KIPP DC's Board of Directors' membership and introduced Barry Caldwell to the Board
- Caldwell introduced himself and shared his background as well as his interest in board service, experience in the education sector, and commitment to KIPP DC's mission
- Fansler called for a motion to approve Caldwell's membership on the KIPP DC Board of Directors
  - Golden moved to appoint Caldwell to the KIPP DC Board of Directors
  - Lewis seconded the motion
  - The motion to appoint Caldwell to the KIPP DC Board of Directors was unanimously approved

## PARCC Scores Overview – Susan Schaeffler, Ed Han

- Han introduced why the PARCC assessment matters for KIPP DC and how it guides the instructional leadership team
- Schaeffler shared KIPP DC's academic performance results from the 2018-19 school year
  - After another year of growth, KIPP DC outperformed all sectors on combined Mathematics and English Language Arts proficiency, and remains the highest performing PreK-12 school system in the District
  - KIPP DC students identified as at-risk performed significantly above all sector averages in both Mathematics and English Language Arts across every grade level
  - When focusing on Wards 7 and 8, KIPP DC schools are the highest performing schools
  - KIPP DC College Preparatory was the most improved high school in the city on the PARCC assessment
- Schaeffler shared Mathematics and English Language Arts outcomes for all students, at-risk students, and SPED students
- Schaeffler discussed the district-wide elementary school Mathematics and English Language Arts outcomes and how well the KIPP DC elementary schools are doing compared to others in the District. PCSB has recognized KIPP DC elementary schools as being among the highest performing in the district
- Schaeffler discussed the district-wide middle school Mathematics and English Language Arts outcomes and how the KIPP DC middle schools are doing compared to others in the district
- Schaeffler shared data on KIPP DC College Preparatory including the student demographics entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and high school PARCC scores for Geometry and Integrated Math II and English Language Arts
- Schaeffler highlighted the points of strength going into the 2019-20 school year. KIPP DC will continue to provide educators with strong instructional coaching, use a rigorous assessment cycle, invest in mental health supports, provide professional development in trauma-informed practices, and ensure classrooms and schools are culturally rich learning environments
- Schaeffler discussed the priorities for fostering academic growth in 2019-20 including reviewing our middle school math program, continuing to work on student engagement and student belonging, building on recent progress in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work, exploring infrastructure innovations, and efforts to retain further enhance the KIPP DC high school experience.

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## Ferebee Hope Update – Dane Anderson, Althea Holford

- Anderson provided an overview of the Ferebee Hope site and shared that this would be a good opportunity for a permanent second high school site
- Anderson shared where Ferebee Hope is in relation to other KIPP DC campuses and an overview of the site and its amenities
- Holford talked about the community engagement strategy for this project, feedback from the community and families on what they want in a community school site, and the key RFO components
- Anderson shared KIPP DC's considerations moving forward with the site including how this fits within the financial plan and the opportunity for partner space
- Fansler called for a motion for KIPP DC's Board to approve (a) pursuing the Ferebee Hope Opportunity, (b) delegating final approval of the RFO application to the KIPP DC Finance Committee, and (c) an amendment request for Grade Level Expansion at the Wheeler Road Facility
  - Duff moved to approve the resolutions
  - Lewis seconded the motion
  - The resolutions were unanimously approved

## Adjournment & Closed Session

*Fansler adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm*