



Board of Directors Meeting

DC Bilingual Public Charter School
33 Riggs Road, NE Washington, DC
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
8:30AM

Board Members

Present:, D. Gershowitz, I. Juarez, A. Lemon-Strauss, L. Parris, N. Ramey

Participating Remotely: A. Abbas, B. F. Guillen-Woods, R. Lambert, A. Suarez, M. Taddese

Absent: C. Peyton, S. Redd, D. Z. Shaw

School Leadership:

- Alexandra Alderman – Director of Development
- Daniela Anello – Head of School
- John Breyer – Chief Financial Officer
- Rohini Ramnath – Resident Principal, 3-5
- Alina Thouyaret – Academic Consultant

Guests:

- Josh Marks, EdOps
- Lester Matlock, previous Board Chair

N. Ramey called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

BOARD VOTE: N. Ramey moved to approve the January meeting minutes, R. Lambert seconded, and the Board approved unanimously.

1. Head of School Report

Daniella briefed the Board on updated security measures after an intruder entered the building during the school day and stole 10 laptops. The Board asked several questions about the incident and the updated policies.

Daniela walked through the student recruitment numbers, which are included in the Board pre-read with breakdowns by ward, grade, and primary language. The Board discussed the chart which lists the numbers for current DCB families who are applying to other schools. Everyone agreed that the numbers suggest a positive and engaged school community.



Daniela outlined the steps that DCB is taking to prepare for and respond to the Corona virus, including an increase in cleaning staff and disinfecting public spaces. The Board offered several suggestions for communicating to the community.

The Board watched a clip from DCB's Black History Month presentation (available in full [here](#)) and were, as always, amazed by the skill and community of DCB.

Finally, Daniela walked through the list of the seven conditions for growth from the February Board vote with updates on each.

2. Educational Excellence Committee

Rohini updated the Board on the Term 2 academic outcomes. Both math and ELA saw decreases against goals during Term 2. Rohini walked through the staff's plans to achieve our goals.

Eleni discussed the school's F&P results for both English and Spanish, which show strong progress in K-2 and some lags in 3-5. Eleni gave a background on F&P and Rohini discussed the 3-5 team's plans for hitting our reading goals for these students.

3. Development Committee

Alex led a presentation from the Development Committee on our five year fundraising plan. The full presentation is in the Board pre-read. The Board had a conversation about the role of the Gala and its efficacy as both a community building activity and fundraiser.

4. Finance Committee

John walked the Board through the current financials, which are included in the Board packet and are positive. There will be a deeper presentation on the financials at the next Board meeting, specifically with an eye towards growth.

Finally, Nadia asked Board members to think about how each person will be helping the school reach the fundraising needs that come with growth. Specifically, each Board member should be in touch with Nadia and Cydney with what support they need to be fully engaged and how they envision contributing (beyond financially).

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33am.