



Board of Directors Meeting

DC Bilingual Public Charter School
33 Riggs Road, NE Washington, DC
Tuesday, August 27, 2019
8:30AM

Board Members

Present: J. Joaquin, R. Lambert, B. F. Guillen-Woods, L. Parris, N. Ramey, A. Lemon-Strauss

Participating by Phone: M. Taddese, A. Suarez, C. Peyton, S. Redd

Absent: D. Z. Shaw, D. Gershowitz

School Leadership:

- Alexandra Alderman – Director of Development
- Daniela Anello – Head of School
- John Breyer – Chief Financial Officer
- Eleni McCabe – Principal Pk-2nd
- Rohini Ramnath – Resident Principal 3-5
- Alina Thouyaret – Strategic Advisor

Guests:

- Brad Olander – Ed Ops
- Susie Rosenbaum – Advisor and Past Chair

N. Ramey called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

1. Education Excellence Committee

B. F. Guillen-Woods gave introduction on PARCC scores with main takeaways that goals were met in ELA and math, and improved from last year. In particular the growth within cohort groups is exciting and impressive. DCB had the highest percentage of students exiting ELL status. Performance by At Risk students is low, though higher than in previous years. Spanish literacy performance is lagging, and the team is working on increasing support. Last year the school started an intervention program for students with low performance in Spanish, modeled on the intervention that the school uses in English. Results are promising so it will be used wider this year. R. Ramnath, E. McCabe, and A. Thouyaret answered questions from the Board. E. McCabe spoke to the Insight results. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are a focus for this year. Teacher compensation is always a laggard and the team is focusing on ways to address this



area. E. McCabe spoke to the CLASS results which are exciting. The dedicated early childhood coach being added this year will also help keep these numbers high.

2. Head of School Report

D. Anello reported that the start of the school year has been very smooth, in part because we have more staff, due to our growth plan, than we'd otherwise have for this size of student body. A calendar was shared of the events this school year that would be helpful to have Board member participation.

3. Development Committee

A. Alderman previewed our development strategy, including a report at the next Board meeting with Ebony from Charter School Growth Fund. N. Ramey mentioned that the next meeting would be a time for the Board to discuss development and personal commitments.

4. Growth Committee

D. Anello reviewed the Greenlighting Plan. We are currently on track for all of the criteria. The biggest question is around the projected fundraising, which is significant. J. Breyer noted that this is based on a, "School of our dreams," model, which could be slimmed down or adjusted if the full fundraising amount isn't reached.

BOARD VOTE: "Does the Board support DC Bilingual growing?" N. Ramey called for additional questions and a vote; R. Lambert seconded; Board voted unanimous consent.

J. Breyer walked through school leadership recommendations for growth to move forward with growth/expansion at the current 33 Riggs Rd location; and decline purchasing the Union property. B. Olander (Ed Ops) walked through the financials of moving to 711 students and answered questions from the Board. The commitment now is \$600k for preliminary designs and determining if the project is feasible. The vote on fully committing to the construction project will come in early 2020. J. Breyer committed to reporting out during every Board meeting about how the project is going. The facilities committee will also be meeting more often. L. Parris asked for a full list of where we're applying the funds and for a status update on each application.

BOARD VOTE: "The Board approves the recommendation to stop investigating the Union property." N. Ramey called for questions and a vote; R. Lambert seconded; Board voted unanimous consent.

N. Ramey called for Executive Session.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.