



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
1240 Randolph Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20017  
Saturday, January 11, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (hereafter the “**Board**”) of Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School (hereafter “**Shining Stars**”), was held on January 11, 2020 in the school’s Barack H. Obama Auditorium located on the main floor.

**Directors Present**

- Anthony King, Esq
- Kamal Wright-Cunningham, Ph.D.
- Willa Golden
- Tatiana Laborde
- R. Rodriguez-Garcia (ex-officio)

**Director Participating Via Phone**

NA

**Directors Absent**

- Shawn Samuels
- Aldel Brown
- Teicha Harris

**Call to Order**

Mr. Anthony King (Board Chair) noting a quorum, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. R. Rodriguez-Garcia recorded the minutes. A quorum of directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, proceeded with the business.

**Public Comment**

- The January 11, 2020 meeting of the Board was open to the public. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
- This time is reserved for citizens, employees, and representatives of school groups to address the Board on items that are not on the agenda. By law, the Board cannot take action upon or discuss items that are not on the approved agenda, but the Board welcomes comments from the public. Persons addressing the Board are asked to state their names and whether or not they are a resident of the District of Columbia. The Board

Chair reserves the right to limit comments from the public as well as the amount of time spent on any one topic.

- Mrs. Gail Jenkins, Shining Stars Principal, was present at the meeting to present to the Board her report.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Mr. King called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. LaBorde seconded the motion. The items on the consent agenda were unanimously approved.
- The consent agenda items included:
  - November 23, 2019 meeting minutes.
  - Principal's Report - The Executive Director's Report was submitted to the Board on January 10, 2020, to enable the board to devote the entire meeting time to the presentation of the Principal's Report. The Principal's report discussed the following:
    - An overview of PARCC & Pre-K through 2nd grade scores.
    - The assessment provides the most detailed snapshot we've ever had of what students actually learn in reading, writing, and math. The results show us who needs additional instruction and support, and who is ready to move ahead in the subject area or lesson.
    - Although we were not pleased with the results, we are using these results as diagnostic rather than a predictive. They are assisting us to plan ahead—to make sure that our scholars have access to teachers and specialists who are best able to support a child's strengths and areas where they need help.
    - A math specialist will be hired to provide intervention strategies for our struggling students and enrichment strategies for our advanced scholars.
    - The Principal provided a graph displaying the percentage of students who achieved scores in the following PARCC performance level categories:
      - Level 1 Dark Orange - did not yet meet expectations
      - Level 2 Light Orange - partially met expectations
      - Level 3 Yellow - approached expectations
      - Level 4 Light Green - met expectations
      - Level 5 Dark Green - exceeded expectations
      - This is a zero-based graph. The percentage of students ready for the Next Level are shown to the right of the zero line. The percentage of students in other levels are shown to the left of the zero line.
    - The Principal introduced how grades 3 through 6 PARCC assessment outcomes affect tiering and instructional team planning.
    - The Principal, expanding on the Executive Directors report to the Board on November 2019, highlighted the points of literacy and math strengths of students going into the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Parent Engagement/Communication**

- Parents are communicating satisfaction with the weekly News & Notes.
- Parent-to-Guide and parent-to-administration emails are fluid and positive.

- There is a noticeable difference (in satisfaction levels) this year and parents seem to be generally pleased.

### **Facilities**

The Executive Director provided the following updates on the school building:

- A new roof for the kitchen was installed.
- Exterior (front of the building) and interior signage for the Obama Auditorium and W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center is to be installed on January 20, 2020.
- There has been a delay in the bike rack order. The exterior of the building has been readied to install once the racks arrive.
- Rear playground fencing was repaired.
- The bathroom stalls on the second and third floor were restored and repainted. Student vandalism occurring. New bathroom policies and protocols will need to be implemented.

### **Adjournment**

- There being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. King at 12:15 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Shining Stars Montessori Academy Public Charter School, 1240 Randolph Street, NE, Washington, D.C., at 9:00 a.m. in the Barack H. Obama Auditorium located on the main floor.

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Anthony King, Esq, Chair, Shining Stars Board of Directors

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