



Board of Directors Meeting

DC Bilingual Public Charter School
33 Riggs Road, NE Washington, DC
HELD REMOTELY DUE TO COVID-19
Tuesday, June 1, 2021
8:30AM

**DRAFT - [Subject to Change]
Pending Board Approval**

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Present Remotely:

A. Abbas, M. Holt-Brockenbrough, N. DeVeux, N. Ramey, D. Z. Shaw, A. Lemon-Strauss, B. Wallace, R. Lambert, I. Juarez, L. Parris, A. Robinson, D. Gershowitz

Absent:

- M. Taddese

School Leadership:

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

Guests:

- Lester Matlock – Previous Board Chair
- Darius Munchak – EdOps

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Board Vote: N. Ramey moved to approve the May meeting minutes, L. Parris seconded, and the Board approved unanimously via roll call vote from present Board members.

WELCOME

N. Ramey welcomed everyone to DCB's public meeting and encouraged community members to put questions in the chat throughout the meeting, which the Board will address after the



meeting and post in these minutes. At the opening of the meeting we had 2 community members in attendance, in addition to Board members, school leadership, and guests listed above.

HEAD OF SCHOOLS REPORT

D. Anello reviewed the current hybrid model. Approximately 278 students are participating in in-person learning. Some students are also participating in the Care Classroom model.

D. Anello reiterated that leadership continues to be hopeful that 100% in-person learning will be available in the Fall, pending new complications (such as spikes in COVID).

B. Wallace asked for an update on nursing service. D. Anello provided information on how OSSE contracts with nurses from Children's Hospital and DCB is given 40 hours of nursing service each week. In addition, DCB has used funding for an additional nurse service that will provide a full time on-site EMT starting June 9th.

D. Anello informed the Board that an RFP for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work is now posted and will close June 8th.

D. Anello briefed the Board on upcoming June events and reviewed May events.

D. Z. Shaw suggested making mobile vaccination clinics available during large in-person gatherings for individuals who may not have easy access to vaccinations. D. Anello shared that, currently, DCB promotes walk-in vaccination services offered next door at Mary's Center. Further conversations pertaining mobile vaccination clinics will occur outside of the Board meeting.

D. Gershowitz (Chair of the Head of Schools Committee) informed the Board of how impressed the Committee was regarding D. Anello's work over the past year. Accolades were given by Board members. D. Gershowitz noted that the Head of School Goals are provided in the Board Packet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Academic Excellence Committee

D. Anello briefed the board on the reopening status for Fall school year 21/22. Model details are provided within the Board Packet.

E. McCabe, A.Thouyaret, R. Ramnath and and D. Anello reviewed the current state of learning. Approximately 66% of students are being served on campus. Progress towards academic goals is ongoing. Data is due at the end-of-term. Early analysis provides direction for budget priorities, in specific, Diversity and Equity, Teacher Leader



Development, Additional PreK class, spanish development, support staff, specific teaching positions to support students.

A.Thouyaret reviewed the Timeline of School Growth, Strategic Priorities and enrollment projections provided in the Board Package. Strategic Priorities will be updated during the summer.

D. Anello summarized the organizational chart, with emphasis on filling the roles of Chief Operating Officer, Manager of Data & Compliance, and HR Assistant.

R. Ramnath summarized upper grade organization structure to satisfy academic needs, primarily related to curriculum development and working with students. E. McCabe provided a brief summary of the lower school organizations structure.

A.Abbas requested information on overall strategy for overcoming learning loss. E. McCabe discussed how recovery will be embedded in on-grade-level curriculum and that DCB will leverage existing teaching staff to focus on recovery. New interventions, currently not accessible through DCB resources could also be utilized, but existing resources will be programmed first.

2. Development Committee

A.Alderman provided information on Feria de Ciencias

- Hosted 2 events as part of the Feria de Ciencias: Cocktail hour and experiment pertaining to the glowing of the bioluminescent bay. Student competition occurs June 1.
- Net revenue of \$33,532
- 21 new individuals on mailing list

A.Alderman reported on grants and giving as described in the Board Packet. The Charter school reopening grant was approved.

A.Alderman reported on Development metrics as described in the Board Packet. Stressed that donor retention should continue to be improved.

Daniela Anello gave thanks and praise to Alex's work as Dir. of Development.

3. Finance and Facilities Committee

J. Breyer walked through the April financials, which are included in the Board packet.

The budget is still being drafted and will be sent out to the Board as soon as completed.

The budget is due in July. The date for approval is forthcoming.



D. Anello explained the draft proposed \$100,000 budget allocation to advance equity work: 1) Student supplies and equity curricular materials 2) professional development and 3) teacher leader stipends.

Final circulation of the budget will include a line item attributed to mitigating learning loss.

Board members noted that flexibility in applying interventions will be necessary as needs arise. D. Munchak noted that ESSER funds allow for tremendous flexibility for how monies are used.

J. Breyer gave an update on construction, which continues on schedule.

4. Governance Committee

Board Vote: L. Parris moved to elect Richard Lambert as Secretary. N. Ramey seconded and the Board approved via roll call from present Board members. R. Lambert abstained.

Board Vote: L. Parris moved to vote in Conor Williams as a new Board member (parent). M. Holt seconded.

L. Parris discussed how parent board members are nominated and thoughts on making potential improvements to the process.

N. Ramey stated New Chair positions:

1. D. Gershowitz will continue to chair Head of Schools Committee
2. L. Parris will continue to chair the Governance Committee
3. A. Robinson will chair the Finance Committee
4. D. Z. Shaw will continue to chair the Academic Excellence Committee
5. A. Abbas will continue to chair the Development Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. Ramey explained that the Board would now move into Executive Session in order to review items that are covered by DC's Open Meetings Act.

Board Vote: N. Ramey moved to close the meeting and move into Executive Session, L. Parris seconded, and the Board approved unanimously via roll call vote from present Board members.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:17 am.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

