

Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2021
Meeting conducted via Zoom

Members Present:

Erin Albright
Jackie Beatty
Daniel Fine
Kemba Hendrix
Christina Jones
Gina Mahony
Roxana Mondragon- Motta
Jeff Nellhaus
Floyd Taliaferro (joined at ~6:35)
Pamela Taylor

Admin Present:

Monya Bundy, *Executive Operations Coordinator*
Will Henderson, *Executive Director of Operations*
Charlotte Spann, *Executive Director of Schools*
Tracy Wright, *Chief Executive Officer*

Opening

Ms. Albright called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

New Board Members

Dr. Wright shared with the Board that the candidate slated to be voted upon today plans to be officially appointed to the Board over the summer. This vote has been postponed.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Albright asked board members for a motion to approve the minutes of the April Board Meeting. Ms. Taylor moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Nellhaus seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, as all present members voted in favor of the minutes, as written.

CEO's Report

5th Grade Expansion Plan

Paul PCS has completed its Request for Proposal for the 5th Grade Expansion Plan and will be posted this week. Mr. Henderson had a discussion today with representatives from Catalyst Ed, a company funded in part by the New Schools Venture Fund. The next

interview is with Aftin, a recommendation from EdOps. Both companies are accustomed to this particular type of expansion and have beneficial resources and knowledge of the DC landscape.

Reaccreditation with AALE

AALE will conduct classroom observations and leadership interviews June 1-9.

PCSB Conditions

PCSB reopened its COVID policy for public comment during the May meeting, and it was determined that conditions for SY21-22 will not be monitored. If conditions are set to end with a particular school during the upcoming school year, they will be released and not reevaluated during SY22-23. Paul PCS is waiting to hear from OSSE regarding the Star Framework and the stipulations related to their benchmarks.

Enrollment and Staffing Updates

Paul has met and exceeded enrollment completion goals and are on target with pre-COVID predictions (the original SY20-21 goals). 96% of staff roles have been filled for SY21-22.

Treasurer's Report

The SY21-22 budget that was proposed in April will be the same version voted upon. As a reminder, the focus areas of the funds are investment, recovery, COVID-19 regulations, and safety. Expenses are lower and revenue is higher than this time last year since we were fully virtual, so we should have over \$7million in cash and investments at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is still based a 720-student enrollment, and because internal goal is much higher, the hope is to exceed enrollment and begin the school year cash- positive. Mr. Fine moved to approve the budget as written, and Ms. Albright seconded the motion. The floor was open for comment, and after a vote, the budget was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Mr. Nellhaus announced that the waiver for PARCC has been confirmed for 2021. The next PARCC administration will be Spring 2022. Dr. Wright added progress monitoring will still be in place in form of a Continuing Education Plan through OSSE.

Closing

Ms. Albright briefly discussed the June board meeting and retreat format and agenda and asked board members to look out for the Education Board Partners survey for a self-study/ self-rating.

Dr. Wright provided commencement updates and invited the full board to attend.

There being no further business to address, Ms. Albright adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.