

Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021
Meeting conducted via Zoom

Members Present:

Erin Albright
Jackie Beatty
Daniel Fine
Janisa Hu
Kemba Hendrix
Christina Jones
Gina Mahony
Jeff Nellhaus
Kathy Quigley
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 6:03pm.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

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

CEO's Report

Distance Learning and Planning Update:

- Paul is almost prepared to reopen next school year, as it pertains to programming and logistics (this includes several variations of learning models to accommodate parents with different comfort levels). Paul is essentially reformatting the hybrid model that was scheduled to be in place for the current school year but was not implemented due to guidelines provided by the DC Department of Health.

Student Achievement:

- PARCC has been cancelled for Spring 2021, and the School Performance Committee will discuss implications and address assessments in depth. Paul will instead implement an Advisory 4 assessment to collect student achievement data.
- Summer School planning began this week, focusing on four major target areas: Grade Recovery, IEP and EL scholars, Remediation, and Enrichment (including PSAT/ SAT/ AP Boot Camps).
- AP testing will primarily be administered virtually in May (with the exception of two tests that are not offered virtually at all).

Enrollment:

- In person enrollment will begin April 5th, and re-enrollment efforts and incentives are being developed by school leadership teams.

Staffing:

- We are fully staffed in the middle school and almost fully staffed in the high school for next school year. The two SPED vacancies remaining are due to two current SPED teachers transitioning to general education.

5th grade expansion:

- The Board and Executive Team Members engaged in an in- depth presentation explaining the levels of rationale behind adding a 5th grade class to Paul. The Board will vote in April to continue exploring this option and plan for the addition in a more logistical and granular way.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Fine confirmed that Paul's financial health is improving monthly, as there is more certainty around the school model and planning for the near future.

Mr. Henderson added that, though the enrollment numbers are not consistent with those of previous years, Paul doesn't anticipate significant attrition during prior to and during the 2021-2022 school year.

Committee Reports

Ms. Albright opened the floor for Committee Chairs to discuss their meeting minutes and subsequent plans.

New Business

Governance:

Education Board Partners are hosting a day-long training on April 29th as a professional development opportunity for board members. Ms. Albright will circulate the invitation and details to the full board.

Closing

There being no further business to address, Ms. Albright adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.