



1st Quarter Minutes (September 15, 2021)

Trustees (Present): Gregory Adams (Chair), Derwin Ross (Vice-Chair), Wayne Eley (Treasurer), Marcia Dyson, Tony Upson, Carla Holly, Obi Holly, Troy Priest, Essie Charles, Kysha Biscoe (Secretary) Dr. Marco Clark (Ex, Officio)

(Present): Alisha Funderburk, Helen Compton-Harris, Destinee Whittington

Opening

I. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. The meeting began with an opening for questions.

II. The Chair as the Secretary to make a report regarding any old or new business and a motion was made to approve the minutes

III. Agenda- Covid 19 issues around reopening, budget updates and academic directions via virtual learning and the Reopening plan for the fall 2021 and Spring 2022

- Academic Focus and Changes for 2021/2022
- New Programs added to the Course Catalogue (i.e., ASL, Dance Theater, String Orchestra etc.)
- ESSR II- Reopening Dollars
- Covid 19 - Reopening Dollars
- Covid 19 Procedures for Students/Staff
- Covid Update on Staff and Students
- Number of Students on Virtual Learning
- Ribbon Cutting September 17th @ 12-2 pm

Treasurer's Report- Finances

IV. The Treasurer discussed the financial position of Richard Wright and the positive direction we are heading.

V. The Treasurer reported the overall school balance as of September 1, 2021. The treasurer reiterated the issue happening with the former landlord from the blue castle and our tax rebate being affected because of them not paying their taxes. RWPCS is owed approx. \$260 K

VI. The Treasurer made a motion to utilize Richard Wright's Legal Counsel to push for the dollars owed from the former landlords **(BOT voted unanimously in favor)**

CEO'S Report

VII.

Submitted a continuous education plan to OSSE & Charter School Board which was approved
Opening school and the success/challenges

Covid- 19 policy

Three confirmed cases of Covid 19

HVAC system

Air filtered purifiers in every classroom/office

Closing Learning gaps

ASL classes: Virtual teacher/In-person interpreter

Partnership w/ Gallaudet University

Virtual Teacher for Geometry

Added a Dance & Dance theater

40 extracurricular activities for students are available now

Chairman's Report

The Chairman discussed the importance of the BOT to remaining steadfast and diligent in their service to children. The Chair also discussed the need to continue fundraising aggressively and continue building/creating more partnerships

VIII. Discussed the strategic plan for academic supports

IX. Discussed the need to support mental health for students as well as staff

X. Board motion was to move forward with creating a retirement plan for the **CEO, COO, CCO** which will be signed off on in the 2nd quarter board meeting. **(MOTION CARRIED)**

Vice Chairman's Report

The school is moving forward in a very positive manner. The opening of school was successful and smooth. Students and families seem to be very happy and excited!

XVI. The BOT will have a check in conference call the 2nd week of each month @TBD

*The meeting closed and adjournment