

**Perry Street Preparatory Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021
Video Call Meeting**

Members Present: Cindy Brown, Vinette Brown, Catherine Randall, Bruce Newby, Katie Noonan, Martinique Free, Harold Bardonille, Cydney Peyton, Darwin Bagley, Mellissa Lazarin

Others Present: Rachel Crouch (Principal), Kelly Smith (Director of Operations), Alexandra Pardo (TenSquare)

Called to Order:

Cindy Brown officially called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Approval of the Agenda:

Vignette Brown moved to approve the Meeting Agenda; Bruce Newby seconded. The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

The August Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Vinette Brown moved to approve; Bruce Newby seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Leadership Update:

Ms. Crouch reported on PSP's Fall 2021 programs such as Spirit Week, Hispanic Heritage Celebration and basketball season getting underway. Many activities have been added ending with a Fall Festival for the kids. The dress code has become a little more flexible and has been received very well by the student body.

Ms. Smith reported that as of November 1st PSP now has implemented that 100% of all people that come into the school must be vaccinated. We have 100% of the staff vaccinated at this present time. All student athletes 12 and older must be vaccinated as well. Testing is done every week with students. DCPS has mandated that we need to be testing 20% of the student body on a weekly basis. As of October 29 1 asymptomatic tests have been administered at this time on site and will continue to increase. All tests are administered on Friday. Staffing challenges are increasing due to Covid-19 in the school.

Ms Crouch stated that challenges do exist among the students' social behavior due to Covid-19 in the lower grades with an uptick in arguments and fighting. This also may have been attributed to overcrowding in the classroom which has since been modified.

Ms. Crouch reported that PSP has partnered with City Bridge for tutoring services which is helping tremendously. All parent teacher conferences are done on Zoom at this point. For safety purposes no parents are allowed into the school during dismissal due to Covid-19.

Operations and Finance Update:

Ms. Smith stated that enrollment is not at the target goal due to Covid-19. The enrollment is steady at this point. This is not just unique to PSP and seems to be district wide throughout the city. Ms. Smith reported that this should get back to the 485 goal by next school year. Numerous faculty positions were added as well. PSP is fully staffed with 69 employees, 60 being returned and 9 new. Ms. Smith reported we need to start looking at contractors in January for bathroom renovations that need to get started ASAP. Ms. Smith said PSP financials are strong at this point due to the SO2 and SO3. PSP is currently finishing up an audit.

Academic Update

Ms Crouch spoke on the opportunity areas that exist with certain classes within PSP with those grades being 2-5. These students are falling a little short of the targets because of the effects of Covid-19.

Governance Committee:

I let everyone know we are working on our bylaws and updating them where appropriate. We talked about current openings on different committees.

Bruce Newby moved to nominate Cindy Brown as President of the Board: Vignette seconded: the board approved. Bruce Newby moved to nominate Harold Bardonille to be Treasure: Vignette Brown seconded; the board approved.

Adjournment:

Vinnette moved to adjourn the meeting; Bruce Newby seconded; the Board approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Next Meeting:

January 18, 2022, 9:00 am