



4th Quarter Minutes (June 15, 2022)

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 asked the Secretary to make a report regarding any old or new business and a motion was made to approve the minutes

III. Agenda- End of the year progress

- Academic Success
- New Programs and their success rate (i.e., ASL, Dance Theater, String Orchestra etc.)
- End of the year awards (i.e., WHUR BEST SCHOOLS IN DMV AWARD, BUILDING HOPE “STUDENT EMPOWERMENT” AWARD)
- Grant Award Dollars, Extra External Resources Garnered
- End of the year Covid 19 Students/Staff results
- Virtual Learning for Next Year
- Graduation Information and College Entrance Group

Treasurer’s Report- Finances

IV. The Treasurer discussed the financial position of Richard Wright and the positive direction we are heading. The school also did an amazing job of ending the year with two strong grants from New York Life Insurance Company and Building Hope. We are excited not only for the grants but the new and continued partnership of both entities.

V. The Treasurer reported the overall school balance as of June 1, 2022. The treasurer stated that he will continue to reiterate 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. The treasurer will continue press the former landlord and he also reported that he has been consulting with our legal team about next steps.

VI. The Treasurer made a motion to continue utilizing Richard Wright's Legal Counsel to push for the dollars owed from the former landlords through the 1st quarter of the 2022/2023 School year **(BOT voted unanimously in favor)**

CEO'S Report

VII.

Submitted a Virtual Plan to the Charter School Board for approval. The approval is still pending Summer Academic Programs will be offered in an attempt to continue closing learning gaps ASL classes: Virtual teacher/In-person interpreter will be offered to Parents and other external partners

Extended the Partnership w/ Gallaudet University

Chairman's Report

The Chairman discussed the importance of the BOT to remaining very active in support of our service to children. The Chair exhorted the need for ramping up the BOT's fundraising and personal giving. The Chair presented two new names as potential BOT members. The Chair lead the discussion of their backgrounds and resumes

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 to accept the nomination of two new BOT members. **(MOTION CARRIED)**

Vice Chairman's Report

The organization is progressing vigorously through all external environmental obstacles

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

*The meeting closed and adjournment