

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOI AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting February 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Denis ORourke, Linnet Tse, Christian Bannerman, Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang, Jumaane Saunders

No Absent

Executive Director Richard Burke,

Guest: Robin Sharpe

Welcome, and Call to Order - John Callahan welcomed and called the meeting to Order at 6:10 PM and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom. He asked if anyone had any Questions on Consent Agenda and no one did so he accepted it and moved on.

Financials- Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. He reviewed the additional report with charts and graphs. Mr. Burke reported that our finances are in good shape. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Burke reviewed the Dashboard and mentioned that the Academic Committee would be going into details. Mr. Burke spoke of the end of the Semester and that the first week in March will be a recovery week, trying to get scholars to catch up.

Mr. Burke spoke about the efforts to get everyone vaccinated and talked about the small group of our scholars coming in each day to do remote learning with our staff present.

Chairman Report –Mr. Callahan then reported the Governance Committee meeting, and Mr. Saudners added about the BOT info and training we are using. The Committee will look into Board training and a retreat this summer.

Mr. Callahan then went into some of the Friends-of items, and discussed budgeting for proposed construction next year in the back yard and basement and said he and Architect Charlotte Dewald would visit the school in March.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday of



the Governance Committee. Mr. Callahan spoke about the Governance Committee looking into a Board Retreat and looking for board new members.

Academic Committee-

Mr. Saunders spoke of what the Academic Committee should be doing and then turned it over to Ms. Fuentes, who presented to the board an outline of the information process that is used to measure academic progress at the school. She went over the types of information on the Dashboard and shared her screen.

Ms. Fuentes spoke of the SED Framework we use to evaluate the school and particularly student performance. There was then a discussion of determining results without Regents exams and what we can do. Ms. Fuentes stated from past data she sees the improvement made in the last years.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Burke reported he was still working on a brochure and Annual Report draft/mockup, which will be reviewed in Feb/March.

Mr. Callahan then said there were no public members to make a statement, so he mentioned they did need an Executive Session (for the review of contractual issues).

Mr. Marsico moved to adjourn into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Bannerman and approved at 7:05 PM.

The Board came out of Executive Session at, and Dr. Bannerman moved that the meeting be adjourned, second by Mr. Saunders, at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: March 18, 2021, 6:00 PM

John Callahan