

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting November 19, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Denis ORouke, Jumaane Saunders, Linnet Tse

Absent: Christian Bannerman

Executive Director Richard Burke,

Guest: Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang

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. Mr. Callahan mentioned that Sarah Fuentes would be a member at the December meeting since it would be 45 days without hearing from SED.

Financials- Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. He reviewed the new 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.

It was noted that our accountant's advice is to wait for the submittal of the forgiveness portion of the PPP loan, waiting for clarification of some issues. This will have no impact on our fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Burke reported that the quarter was ending and the report cards were being put in this week, and then we would have Zoom Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Mr. Burke reviewed the Dashboard and mentioned that he had shared the report by Shared Space on their classroom visits and that the Academic Committee was going to have Izzy and Nicole Galantee attend their next meeting.

Mr. Burke reviewed parts of the Dashboard, and the question came up about graduates. Mr. Burke mentioned that we try to reach out and see how they are doing. The plan had been to hold a party around Christmas time at the school but with the pandemic out to do a Zoom meeting to get graduates to come back and get their information.

Mr. Burke spoke about the partnership with CMSV and the student teachers. Mr. Burke said that the program was going so well that Dean Sullivan asked if we could take three



more, which we will in the Spring. Mr. Burke talked about the Law classes with NY Law School and how they are being received very positively by our scholars.

It was noted that a teacher was currently under consideration to fill the only opening, a SPED position.

Chairman Report – Mr. Callahan opened by discussing the change in IP and that we had sent in the documentation, and Vickie Smith was going to get back to us. Mr. Callahan then reported about the Governance Committee meeting and that the Committee was going to look into Board training and that Sarah Richmond will join the December Board meeting from 7-8 to review Board training.

Mr. Callahan then went into some of the Friends of items about the construction next year in the back yard and basement.

Mr. Callahan noted that the School, Church, and everyone else associated with the school had been served with legal action against them from a former student who was jumped by some gang members outside the Church. Mr. Callahan informed the Board that the insurance company was handling it and our insurance covers all costs.

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.

Academic Committee-Mr. Saunders mentioned that they would meet in December, and Shared Space would make a presentation.

Fundraising Committee-Mr. Callahan and the Board discussed fundraising, and Mr. Burke informed them that he had sent a draft of a Development/Fundraising proposal, and the Fundraising members said they had received it and would discuss it later.

Mr. Callahan then said there were no public members to make a statement, so he mentioned they did not need an Executive Session.

Mr. Marsico moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Linnet Tse and approved at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2020, 6:00 PM



John Callahan