



January Meeting Minutes
Board of Trustees of DC Scholars Public Charter School (DCSPCS)

Thursday, January 28, 2021
4:30 – 6:00 pm via Zoom

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Board Members Present: Bob Weinberg, Crystal Williams, Erica Jackson, Evan Plekara, Jackie Lendsey, Robert Patterson, Andrew Ellenbogen (4:37 pm), Tiffianne Hudnall (4:37 pm), Maegan Marcano (4:40 pm), Porchia Nixon (4:45 pm), Janelle Suggs (4:55 pm).

Board Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Executive Director Jennifer Leonard, Interim Head of School Amy Helms, Business Manager Emily Stone.

- I. Welcome and Agenda Review
 - a. Mr. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm after taking roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.
- II. Chair Updates
 - a. Mr. Weinberg thanked Board members for their submission of annual Conflict of Interest forms.
 - b. Mr. Weinberg introduced new board member Dr. Robert Patterson. All Board members introduced themselves to Dr. Patterson.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. November 18, 2020 Minutes

Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 Minutes. Ms. Jackson seconded. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously with Dr. Patterson abstaining.
- IV. Head of School Committee Report
 - a. Ms. Lendsey gave an oral report on recent Head of School Committee processes and meetings and the results of those meetings and processes. Discussion of the oral report followed.
- V. Development and Outreach Committee Report
 - a. Ms. Marcano provided an oral report on recent Development Committee meetings and the results of those meetings. Discussion of the oral report followed.
- VI. Academics Committee Report



- a. Ms. Jackson provided an oral report on the recent Academic Committee meeting and the results of the meetings. Discussion followed.
- VII. Governance Committee Report
- a. Ms. Williams provided an oral report about the recent Governance Committee meeting and the results of that meeting. Discussion followed.
- VIII. Finance Committee Report
- a. Contracts for Approval
 - i. The Hartford (Insurance) – After discussion, Ms. Lendsey made a motion to approve The Hartford insurance contract. Dr. Patterson seconded to approve The Hartford contract. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The contract was approved unanimously.
 - ii. Therapy Source (Special Education Substitutes) – After discussion, Ms. Jackson made a motion to approve the Therapy Source contract. Mr. Piekara seconded to approve the Therapy Source contract. Mr. Weinberg conducted a rollcall vote. The contract was approved unanimously.
 - b. FY22 Budget Planning Timeline
 - i. Mr. Ellenbogen provided a verbal update on the budget planning timeline for FY22, with a reminder that the budget draft review will occur in April 2021.
 - c. November 2020 Close Financials
 - i. Mr. Ellenbogen provided an oral update and discussed the school’s financials provided in the packet.
- IX. Interim Head of School’s Report
- a. Mr. Weinberg introduced Amy Helms, Interim Head of School, to provide a verbal report.
 - b. Ms. Helms provided an oral Interim Head of Schools report to the Board, accompanied by exhibits related to staff culture, student attendance and academic data, school re-opening, and long-term strategic planning. Ms. Helms responded to questions from the Board.
- X. Closing
- a. Mr. Weinberg thanked the Board members and made a motion to close the meeting. Dr. Patterson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm by roll call vote.

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