

CHESTER CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30pm, Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Date of Approval: March 4, 2019

**Call to Order:** The Board of Trustees for the Chester Charter School for the Arts held a public Board Meeting in Chester, PA, on February 19, 2018. The meeting convened at 7:00pm. An Executive Session took place in advance of the public Board Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Members of the Board in attendance (at the time of the call to order): President Barbara Klock, Don Delson, Steve Piltch, Ellen Milgrim, Scott Beaumont, Ramona Jones, Ian Wilcox (ph.), and Head of School Akosua Watts. Absent: Joan Richards, Marilyn Henkelman, and Dion Lewis

**Public Comments:** Public: Tara Park: No Comment

**Approval of Minutes**

- The Board reviewed and adopted the Minutes of the December 18, 2018 meeting of the Chester Charter School for the Arts Board of Trustees subject to changes provided during review discussion.
  - Motion – Don Delson
  - Second – Steve Piltch
    - Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

**President's Report**

Barbara Klock (President) –

- Moment for Mission-reflected on working directly with the students in Math
- Provided the Board Members with a worksheet comparing three types of Governance to reflect on
- Provided an update from the The Chester Fund on plans for campaign
- Rich Merriman will be hosting a fundraising event to bring future donors
- Provided Charter Renewal Update
- Highlighted the fundraising event that took place at Don and Cordelia Delson
- Monica Malpass from Action News reached out to do a feature on CCSA's 12<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation

**Discussion of Name Change**

Barbara Klock, president, recapped the process undertaken to determine the need for a name change and thanked the board for the thorough discussion of the name change proposal during a previous teleconference.

- Adopted Motion to change the schools name to  
Chester Charter Scholars Academy  
An Arts Integrated K-12 Public School
- Adopted Motion to approve this change
  - Motion – Don Delson
  - Second – Ramona Jones
    - Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

## Governance and Nominating Committee

Dion Lewis (Governance and Nominating Committee, Chair)

- Dion will be sending a questionnaire to Board Members for assessment
- Scott will be stepping down from the Finance Committee Chair on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. During this transition process the Board will move forward with Scott's replacement

## Academic Excellence

Marilyn (Academic and Excellence Committee Chair)

- Marilyn will report at March meeting on recent committee meeting

## Financial Report

Scott Beaumont (Finance Committee, Chair)

- Discussed the Long Term Financial Plans for CCSA and the recommendations that were made by the Finance Committee
- Shared 8 year financial projections for CCSA for improving educational outcomes and revenue improvements
- Shared Recommendations: improve the Math Proficiency, Fortify Special Education, separate Middle School Director and Dean of Arts Integration positions
- Discussed ways to increase revenue such as; increase enrollment, increase class size from 25-26 students, additional TCF fundraising/campaigns, Increase Annual Contribution from TCF to CCSA, and increase the annual per student reimbursement rate
- Shared the potential impact of marginal increases in CUSD reimbursement rates 0% increase and 2% annual increase per student
- Discussed corrective actions and achieving long terms goals through 2026

## School Report

Akosua Watts (Head of School)

- Shared school highlights: Positive feedback from new staff members, David Ginsberg is continuing to consult with teachers for Math, 100% of Seniors have been accepted to at least one college
- Shared that all staff members attended A.L.I.C.E Safety training
- Highlighted Parent Meeting topics: A.L.I.C.E Training and the name change of the school

## Motion to Adjourn

- Motion – Barbara
- Second – Don Delson
  - Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Absent: 3

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00pm preceded by an Executive Session at 6:30pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm