



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees

November 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Danal Abrams at 6:16 and a quorum was found present.

Board Members Present

Danal Abrams, Jim Chu, Jose De Jesus, Mathias Ederer, Adam Falkner, Ben Gliklich, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman

Via Phone

Laura Blankfein

Also present

Jamie Davidson, Geoffrey Klorpes

- Chair opened meeting
- Request for approval of October meeting minutes, subject to review
 - Minutes approved subject to review by unanimous vote
- Chair and principal provided board with updates on executive committee discussions
 - Executive committee holding regular phone conversations to ensure all members are informed.
 - Search for new space is at an early stage. One possible private space has potential, but it is too soon to make any predictions. Public space will remain a good option.
 - One student was withdrawn from CSA. Family unsatisfied with services and communication; school administration found family difficult to please and hostile to efforts. Family association was unable to assist. Administration concern over child's bruises led to call to ACS. Family warned of intention to complain to board.
 - One struggling teacher resigned, citing discomfort with all-white leadership. New teacher is already in place. Board is taking steps toward stronger effort to increase diversity on the board as well as leadership opportunities in school.
- Annual Report (2016-17 school year) included a positive audit.
 - Year-end assets of \$xxx; Net cash available \$3xxx
 - Among the few findings are improved internal controls, especially with regard to protocols for student records.
- Board chair proposed that going forward the Principal's Report be reconfigured into a report on progress toward specific goals or with respect to new data. Guiding question to be "How are we addressing issues raised?"



- Updates from school leadership
 - Principal showed photos of recent activities to illustrate school culture activities.
 - Recognizes the need for a work culture for staff as well
 - Humanities remains strongest department with interdisciplinary literature and SS
 - Math has improved, using stations for differentiation; Science weaker, especially in 7th grade program
 - School still relying on ANet; reviewing schools in cohort for comparison. How will this improve data as a tool for predicting state exam outcomes?
 - How is school aligning enriched curriculum to learning strands in test?
 - Students love camping trip, but it is hard on staff. School considering reducing program by eliminating overnight for younger, other ways to make program sustainable.
 - Family association has grown stronger. Hosted movie night.
 - School received invitation to create 24-student choir for Broadway performance of "Once on this Island"
- Fundraising to be discussed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:40