



Legends Public Charter Schools

(During the COVID-19 related emergency, the Board will be meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams)

Board Members: Charlette EB Strickland [Interim Chair], LaTasha Baxter, Kalif Gallego, Adia Jordan, John King, Dr. Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims, Sharlene Wallace

Legends Public Charter School CEO: Atasha James

MINUTES for January 26, 2022

5:30pm

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35p, by Legends Interim Board Chair, Mrs. Charlette EB Strickland and she welcomed all participants to the meeting.

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland conducted a roll call to identify the Board Members in attendance (Charlette EB Strickland, LaTasha Baxter, Kalif Gallego, Adia Jordan, John King, Alexis Kirkland-Miller, Terrelina (Shellie) Sims and Sharlene Wallace).

2. Adoption of Agenda

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to accept the agenda, as presented or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member King.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes, from previous meeting

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes, as presented from our October Board Meeting or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Wallace and 2nd by Legends Board Member Jordan.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

4. Report of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Academic Briefing

- Legends CEO James shared the *Legends School Accountability Plan*, highlighting the 9 goals that all Legends staff and the Legends Board will govern themselves by:

Goal 1: Students will be proficient in English/Language Arts

Goal 2: Students will be proficient in Mathematics

Goal 3: Students will be proficient in Science

Goal 4: Legends Charter School will meet Annual Measure of Interim Progress

Goal 5: Legends Scholars will have investment accounts

Goal 6: Students and Parents will be satisfied with Legends Charter School

Goal 7: Legends Charter School will be fully enrolled, with high levels of attendance and re-enrollment

Goal 8: Legends Charter School will demonstrate financial responsibility

Goal 9: The Board of Directors will provide effective and sound oversight of the school

- Legends CEO James highlighted *School Choice Week* and reflected on the COVID metrics and guidelines of PGCPs and how they affect Legends Charter School
- Legends CEO James shared updates to the Arrival and Dismissal procedures, by reinforcing the importance of utilizing the *PikMyKid* app, which includes features such as dismissal plans, a dismissal dashboard, the opportunity for parent messaging and a calendar
- Legends CEO James explained details of the school enrollment statistics – for the 2021/2022 school year, with ~100 scholars at each grade level, and the school is on track to max out at 8th grade with 900 students. According to Maryland State capacity statistics, the school can safely and responsibly accommodate 975 students.

Finance Update

- Legends CEO James shared the status of the school's financial affairs, and that we are awaiting results of the ESSER budget – which was received with positive feedback.

Academic Development and Support Updates

- Legends CEO James alerted the Legends community that the Middle of the Year (MOY) assessment results should be communicated to families via ParentSquare by or before January 28, 2022
- Other topics discussed included PGCPs device usage and the continued opportunities to use the Blended Learning platforms – ST Math, iReady, Spork and Accelerated Reading.

- **Board Response to Academic Briefing**

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by administration.
- Several Board members asked questions about PGCPs COVID support, PGCPs device usage, curriculum changes as a result of advances observed with MOY testing results, shifts in homeroom assignments, differences between Talented & Gifted Programs (TAG) and Honors/Advanced Placement for all and school capacity

5. Acknowledgment of Public Comments

Legends Board Member Sims reiterated to the Legends community the requirement to submit questions through the Legends Public Charter School portal or via ParentSquare in advanced of the meeting, so that the questions can be explored, vetted, and properly responded to. There were no questions submitted for comment.

6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- Development Committee Briefing: Legends Board Member Jordan provided details from past meetings with the Development Committee and Development staff related to the financial status of the school, and projects and initiatives planned to include increased Fundraising goals, Equity Now Marketplace events, active and aggressive social media and marketing campaign and the Annual School Gala.
- Governance Committee Briefing: Legends Board Member Sims provided details from past meetings with the Governance Committee related to providing transparent and thorough board development documents, for appropriate onboarding and orientation of new Board members and continuing to evaluate the size and efficacy of the board members, related to skill set and background

- School Performance Committee Briefing: Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland provided details from past meetings with the School Performance Committee regarding the decided goal of becoming knowledgeable of school-wide goals, researching best practices, and looking at how to identify partnerships. Another important takeaway was the intended form of communication, being a 3-pronged approach: the Parent, the Experienced Educators and those outside of the Education Industry

Legends Board Member Sims shared the following school announcements:

- ✓ January being National Blood Donor Month and National Mentoring Month, among many other observances;
- ✓ January 31 is planned as National Hot Chocolate Day, where students will be treated to sweet treats donated by the Legends Community – THANK YOU to all who contributed to this fun event;
- ✓ TAG Testing was postponed; additional details and updates would be provided by Principal Aldridge and the Curriculum Coordinators;
- ✓ Access ParentSquare Resource Hub as a guide to topics such as School Breakfast/Lunch menus, recordings from previous Legends' meetings, grade-level contact information and other PGCPs resources

7. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member Kirkland-Wallace.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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