



Legends Public Charter Schools

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

Legends School CEO: Atasha James

Legends School Director of Social Emotional Learning and Academic Development: Makiese Devose

MINUTES for February 22, 2023

5:30pm

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:36p, by Legends Interim Board Chair, Charlette 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, and Terrelaine (Shellie) Sims).

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 previous Board Meeting or if there were any modifications, edits or changes to be made. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member King and 2nd by Legends Board Member Baxter.** 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 acknowledged that the school was approaching year 4, and highlighted that this meant that the Charter is up for renewal.

Financial Literacy

- Legends CEO James highlighted the upcoming plans for “March Market Madness”, on behalf of Legends Director of Financial Literacy Devose. She shared the desire for participants at the planned Ambassadors for Financial Literacy Workshops (available both in person and virtual) and that Mr. Devose and the Financial Literacy team has an open-door policy to assist anyone with opening investment accounts.

School Financial Health

- For the 2022-2023 school year, Legends has received \$13,149 per pupil allotment and are currently at 147 days of cash on hand; far exceeding the required 45 days of cash on hand.

Enrollment and Lottery Updates

- Legends CEO James explained high level details of the school enrollment statistics and details of the current PGPCS SY 2023-2024 Charter School Lottery and reported that there were 1,038 students that applied through the lottery.
- The school will host open houses and conduct school tours for incoming and interested families.

Human Resources Updates

- Legends CEO James acknowledged the impact that several staff vacancies have on school operations and noted that there were several that were currently going through PGPCS school clearance and waited to be onboarded.

Social & Emotional Learning and Academic Development (SELAD) Updates

- Legends Director of SELAD Devose reminded parents and the Legends community to be conscience and aware of social media platforms available to our scholars, for safety and appropriateness concerns
- Legends Director of SELAD Devose acknowledged that student support outcomes, response to interventions and how academic support is administered by parents/scholars/teachers/advisors/fellows all work in tandem

• Board Response to Academic Briefing

- Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland expressed appreciation for the in-depth and very thorough presentation by administration and staff.

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 3 questions submitted:

- Addressing the ‘whole child’ – from the perspective of extracurricular activities and team sports, related to filling outstanding teacher vacancies. Legends Board Member Sims responded that the school, with budgetary approval, scholar interest and appropriate staffing, are looking into offering a Cheerleading squad, a Boys & Girls Basketball Team, a Boys & Girls Soccer team, Baseball and potentially Softball. ParentSquare will be the vehicle to provide announcements and/or surveys and polls to assess interest.
- Identifying Legends’ intention for advancing the curriculum into high school grades (grades 9-12). Legends CEO James responded that the academic team is trying to determine if Legends will be expanding, and more information will be forthcoming in a more official capacity.

- If the iReady platform was the only tool/resource being used to teach Reading. Legends Board Member Sims excitedly reiterated that Legends utilizes other dynamic platforms such as Accelerated Reader and MyOn. All these supplemental resources can be found by accessing your scholar's Clever account.

6. Legends Public Charter School Board Committee Updates

- Academic Committee: No report provided.
- Development Committee: Legends Board Member Jordan announced upcoming meetings, in anticipation of planning Legends' 3rd Annual Charter School Gala
- Governance Committee: Legends Board Member Sims informed the Board that she and Interim Legends Board Chair Strickland met with an independent Board Development consultant, to consider next steps for evolving the Legends Board and how to develop a strategic framework for critical next steps for the Board.

7. Legends School Announcements

Legends Board Member Sims shared the following school announcements:

- ✓ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the scholars and staff celebrating February birthdays
- ✓ The Legends PTO will host monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6p in person (with a virtual option for participation available)
- ✓ Please remember to check ParentSquare for announcement and notices from your Scholar's teachers and school administration
- ✓ Upcoming School Closings and Important Events, before our next Board Meeting:
 - In the midst of Black Pride Week; see ParentSquare for details on how your scholar can demonstrate their pride for the balance of the week
 - March 6 – Professional Development (School closed for Students)
 - March 7 – Our Parent/Community Engagement Coordinator, Ms. Robin Harris will *host Tea Time with Ms. Harris* – where the session focus will be on Math
 - March 31 – our last of 3 Asynchronous Learning Days
 - April 1 – 10 – Spring Break!
 - June 10 – 3rd Annual Charter School Gala
- ✓ Next Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023

8. Motion to Adjourn

Legends Interim Board Chair Strickland asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm. **The motion was moved by Legends Board Member Baxter and 2nd by Legends Board Member King.** All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions, and the meeting was so adjourned.

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