



Minutes of the Legends Charter School Board of Directors

Date:

Time 6:00 pm, Microsoft Teams

Attendance:

- Atasha James
- Kalif Gallego
- Rasheid Scarlett
- Aminah Williams

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairwoman Charlette Butler-Strickland is out today as she is receiving an award at the DCPS Standing Ovation.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Charlette Butler-Strickland at 6:05 pm.

Adoption of Agenda

Legends Board Secretary Williams 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 Gallego and 2nd by Legends Board Member Williams. All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, from previous meeting

Legends Board Secretary Williams 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 Jordan and 2nd by Legends Board Member Gallego. All Board members were in favor – with no oppositions and the agenda was so adopted.

Legends Board Secretary Williams invited CEO Atasha James to provide her monthly report.

Report of Chief Executive Officer (CEO):

- Legends Charter School's Accountability Plan Review
- Legends Charter School Financials for December.
 - o There have been no major shifts from the previous month.
 - o Expected to end the SY23-24 with \$4.84M cash balance which equals 165 days of cash on hand. We are required to maintain 45 days of cash on hand per our bond covenant.
 - o The forecast reflects 893 students; we received unofficial certification, but we are still awaiting enrollment certification from PGCPD and justification for not certifying at 900. We are in the process of disputing because we submitted 901.

- Legends Charter School Staffing Update:
 - PGCPS Administrator Vacancies
 - Instructional Specialist K-3
 - PGCPS Other Staff Vacancies
 - Testing Coordinator
 - Professional School Counselor
 - PGCPS Core Teacher Vacancies
 - 2nd Grade Math
 - 5th Grade Science
 - 6th Grade Science
 - 7th Grade ELA
 - 8th Grade Math
 - PGCPS Specials Teacher Vacancies
 - Spanish
 - Latin
 - Physical Education
- Legends Charter School Enrollment
 - Currently 868 students are enrolled at Legends as of 1/24/2024.
- PGCPS Charter School Lottery Update
 - Currently 702 students have applied to the PGCPS Charter School Lottery as of 1/29/2024.
 - The lottery closes on February 9, 2024.
- Legends Charter School Academic Update
 - MSDE Report Card Review from Principal Dixon
 - Academic Achievement 8.2 / 2.8 of 20
 - Academic Progress 16.1/12.5 of 35 and 25 respectively
 - Progress in Achieving EL Proficiency 8.0 / n/a
 - School Quality and Student Success 21.7/16 of 35 and 25 respectively
 - School Performance Plan Goals
 - Dixon reviewed Problem of Practice, Strategy, Adult Indicator of Success and Action Steps for Math and ELA.
 - Dixon reviewed the Formative Measures for BOY & MOY for Math and ELA
 - Of note, we reduced the number of students who were below expectations and increased the students approaching and meeting expectation.
- SELAD / AmeriCorps update – Mrs. DeVose provided an update on the SELAD /AmeriCorps Program
 - AmeriCorps Legends Fellows
 - The program is 50% staffed with, 13/24 Corp Member positions filled.
 - Legends Fellows are prioritized in Guided Reading and Math Classes
 - We currently have Fellows assigned in grades K-5th, 6th, and 8th



- Winter Supports
 - Legends Fellows continue to provide academic support during class time, including small group support
 - Legends Fellows delivering of SEL Lessons during classes in grades K-5
 - Mental Health Specialist Ivory Wortham supports delivery of SEL lessons to grades 6, 7&8
- PANOROAMA SURVEY
 - We are finishing up make-up for students who were absent or have not surveyed
 - Students will receive SEL specific intervention and support based on survey data after beginning in late February
- Equity Now / Legends Charter School Financial Education Update
 - Open Fund and Invest
 - Engage Education Empower
 - Workshops being held throughout the year
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- **Acknowledgement of Public Comments**
 - Legends Board Member Williams reiterated to the Legends Community the requirement to submit questions through the Legends Public Charter School Portal or via ParentSquare in advance of the meeting, so that the questions can be explored, vetted and properly responded to.
- Legends School Announcements:
 - Legends Board Member Williams shared the following school announcements

New Business

n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.