



Social Justice Public Charter School Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2023

Board Members Present: Eric Goldstein (EG), Maia Shanklin Roberts (MSR), Eric Goldstein (EG), Tammy Tuck (TT), Pat Brantley (PB), Meenakshi Nankani (MN)

Board Members Absent: Derrick Johnson (DJ), Rael Nelson James (RNJ), Aaron Stallworth (AS), Jhae Thompson (JT)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML) Executive Director

Invited Guests: Shavonne Gibson, Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio

A. Meeting Opening - Board Member

Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order 6:04 by Pat Brantley,

Pat Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and established quorum.

Present - Pat Brantley, Meenakshi Nankani, Eric Goldstein, Maia Shanklin Robert, Rael Nelson Jones, Tammy Tuck

B. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Myron asked for a motion to approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on November 16, 2022.

Motion: Pat Brantley

Seconded: Eric Goldstein

The November minutes were approved with no trustees opposed and no abstentions. There was no discussion.

Rael Nelson Jones announced her transition from the SJS Board and left the meeting.

C. Committee Reports

- Executive / Governance Committee
 - Introduction of three trustee member candidates
 - Shavonne Gibson, Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio

- Financial Committee
 - Mr. Long highlighted the need for a more direct focus on fundraising and advocacy and that given current capacity SJS is not pursuing funds and grants that SJS is well aligned to apply for.
 - Mr. Long mentioned the new contract for DCPS teachers that provides both retro increase and increases going forward will require additional per pupil funding for DCPS. In 2017, when the prior contract was finalized these increases were equitably distributed across charters and DCPS on a per pupil basis. SJS will need to increase our advocacy to ensure fair funding between DCPS and charters when the increases for DCPS are approved, as funding is critical to SJS's talent strategy (recruitment and retention)
 - Mr. Long shared updates on SJS financials with all measures strong and income positive. He also shared that SJS was awarded a new New Schools grant for \$150,000. SJS is underspending because of an open position because a hire was not successful.
 - Ms. Brantley shared that 100 days cash on hand is not adequate to receive the best financing for facilities.
 - Mr. Long provided a facilities search update. SJS is working with Centi Group to find facilities and considering two strategies:
 - Strategy 1: Own location
 - Strategy 2: Co-location such as with Bunker Hill Elementary in Ward 5. Using a third of the building. Power in co-location among schools and between DCPS and charter.

- School Performance Committee

- Ms. Tuck shared that the committee had been focused on defining the goals of the committee and an aligned work plan, and also focused energy on unpacking the proposed new PCSB accountability framework to determine if SJS should retain its current model or craft an alternative framework that is more aligned with the SJS mission.
- Mr. Long shared that strategic planning is still in motion.
- Mr. Long shared academic performance and attendance highlights.
- Mr. Long underscored the importance of SJS considering the accountability framework at this time given our 5-year renewal will be based on only one year of performance data and that small schools and stand-alone middle schools have not done well with the PMF.
- Mr. Long updated the board that SJS is at 85-87% in-seat attendance and reiterated that mid-year MAP data would be available at the next board meeting since students are testing now.

D. Voting on New Trustees

- Ms. Brantley asked for a motion to approve the trustee candidates for membership on the SJS Board.
 - Motion: Ms. Nankani
 - Seconded: Ms. Shanklin Roberts

The motion was approved with no trustees opposed and no abstentions.

E. Closing

- Mr. Long presented three opportunities for board members to support SJS's current work:
 - Plan to join the Accountability Framework Working Group on 3/7 at SJS
 - Plan to join a remote Equitable Student Retention discussion at 4-5pm on either Jan 30, Jan 31, or Feb 6 (email Tammy to volunteer)
 - Making a donation to SJS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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