



**Social Justice Public Charter School Inc.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2022**

Board Members Present: Derrick Johnson (DJ), Meenakshi Nankani (MN), Aaron Stallworth (AS), Jhae Thompson (JT), Tammy Tuck (TT)

Board Members Absent: Pat Brantley (PB), Eric Goldstein (EG), Rael Nelson James (RNJ), Maia Shanklin Roberts (MSR)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML) Executive Director

Invited Guests: None

A. Meeting Opening - Board Member

Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

B. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on June 21, 2022.

Motion: Ms. Nankani

Seconded: Ms. Thompson

The June minutes were approved. There was no discussion.

C. Reflection in Remembrance of Founding Trustee, Lorraine Ramos

Mr. Johnson provided space for members of the board to share remembrances about Ms. Ramos and her commitment to the board. Ms. Tuck, Ms. Nankani and Mr. Stallworth shared their positive experiences working with Ms. Ramos on the SJS board and how much she will be missed. Mr. Long shared how integral Ms. Ramos was to SJS as a trustee and to his family as a close friend.

Mr. Johnson shared that he and Ms. Tuck are connecting around how to honor Ms. Ramos as a board member and ideas for supporting her family. He also named that he and Mr. Long are exploring opportunities for an in memoriam status for Ms. Ramos on the board.

D. Committee Reports

- Governance Committee
 - Mr. Johnson shared the updated board meeting calendar for the 22-23 school year for committees to meet monthly and for the board to meet every other month.
 - 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule**
 - Wednesday, September 28, 2022
 - Wednesday, November 16, 2022
 - Wednesday, January 25, 2023
 - Wednesday, March 29, 2023
 - Wednesday, May 31, 2023
 - Mr. Johnson shared updates around trustee nominations from Mr. Long. He shared about each candidate, and that candidates would be joining committee and board meetings as part of the recruitment process. The board will vote on their approval to the board over the next two board meetings.
 - Trustee Recruitment**
 - Myron has nominated four leaders to join our Board Crew, and I need your help considering their candidacy. During our next meeting, we will discuss the following leaders:
 - Dionne McDonald, Doula and SJS Parent
 - Michelle Pianim, Special Education Consultant
 - Shavone Gibson, Higher Education Administrator
 - Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio, Education Consultant
 - Mr. Johnson also updated the board about the upcoming in-person retreat and underscored the importance of connecting with our partners across the city in our last year before charter renewal. The retreat will be hosted at CityBridge Education in the Watergate Complex. We will hold a partner dinner and Kingbird in the nearby Watergate Hotel.
- Financial Committee
 - Mr. Long shared that net income and cash flow are positive.
 - He explained that funding for 152 students given an overall budget for 160 students with a shortfall contingency for 10 students allowed for an 8-student deficit. Also, SJS will get true to payments for the number of at-risk students and students with disabilities at different levels which will increase revenue and balance out the deficit with \$42K more per-pupil funding than anticipated.
 - SJS is projected to have 132 days of cash at year's end and a net income of \$151K which is a 3.2% margin.
 - SJS received a Supplemental Pandemic Fund of \$10K in July. Grants will be invoiced in September which will help provide a more complete picture of finances when the board next meets.
 - Mr. Johnson celebrated Mr. Long, the Finance Committee, and our partner EdOps to ensure that we are approving conservative budgets that allow us to support scholar-activists and staff in more meaningful ways.
 - Mr. Long shared that SJS is still searching for a favorable facility option in addition to the current SkyRocket space and will share the pros and cons being weighed as decisions are made for SY23-24 facilities.

- Mr. Johnson added that it will be prudent to have a strong focus on facilities this year as we go into the charter renewal process which will require a facilities plan for growth over time.
- School Performance Committee
 - Mr. Johnson acknowledged that the board is still working to build out the new committee given former committee chair Justin Jones' departure from the board.
 - Mr. Johnson shared the PARCC results that Mr. Long had shared with the board earlier this month and named that results are not dissimilar to nation-wide NAEP scores. In comparing to citywide results, Mr. Johnson named that we knew we support a larger proportion of young people considered at-risk compared to other schools across the city.
 - Mr. Johnson highlighted that Mr. Long's staffing plan with two assistant principals will be meaningful to the leadership team and additional support will allow for stronger student learning growth this school year.
 - He highlighted that our ELL scholar-activists are achieving higher proficiency levels in math than their ELL peers citywide. Additionally, our 5th grade outperformed the citywide average by a considerable amount in ELA. Mr. Johnson underscored that these results are deeply connected to the mission and structure of SJS given the intentional
 - Ms. Tuck noted that it would be helpful to have the opportunity to look more closely at PARCC results alongside the end-of-year MAP growth and performance data and engage in analysis around projections and root causes.
 - Mr. Johnson noted that we could hypothesize that many scholar activists may be on the cusp of the next PARCC performance level given the strong MAP growth results.
 - Mr. Long noted that SJS had 40% of SJS students scoring 3 or higher on PARCC while 49% of students at DC charter school students did, and 55% of DCPS students did.
 - Due to a slide error in the meeting presentation, Mr. Johnson noted that overall ELA results were 40% of SJS students scoring 3 or higher on PARCC compared to 52% of students citywide, and 16% of SJS students scoring 4 or higher on PARCC compared to 31% of students citywide.

F. Executive Session

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the compensation and performance of an executive.

Motion: Ms. Tuck

Seconded: Ms. Thompson

Trustees with the exception of Mr. Long moved to Executive Session.

G. Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm during Executive Session.