



**Social Justice Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 24, 2024**

Board Members Present: Eric Goldstein (EG, remote), Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio (NRY, in person), Joel Smith Goering (JSG, remote), Caitlin Campbell-Hahn (CCH, remote), Pat Brantley (PB, remote), Shannon Hodge (SH, remote), Tammy Tuck (TT, remote)

Board Members Absent: Dionne McDonald (DM), Aaron Stallworth (AS), Maia Shanklin Roberts (MSR)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML), Executive Director

Guests Present: Tiffany Gillis Brown (TGB)

A. Meeting Opening: Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

TT called the meeting to order at 6:07pm and established quorum with 7 board members and 1 staff member present.

B. Mission Moment

ML shared a news clip of two SJS students who were able to take a cultural immersion trip to Brazil over spring break.

C. Approval of the March 2024 Minutes

TT shared the March 2024 board meeting minutes for review and requested a motion to approve. NRY moved to approve and EG seconded. The motion carried with none opposed and no abstentions.

D. Executive Director Update

ML provided an update on SJS's new facility. SJS has an executed LOI for 5455 3rd St. NE. Cafritz plans to do a turnkey development of 5455 3rd Street, with SJS leasing the property. ML also reported about updated pricing information for the Kennedy St. modulars, including estimates for electricity, a storm drain, a walkway connecting the modulars, and fencing.

SJS's public hearing for the new facility is Monday, May 20th. The board briefly discussed preparations for the hearing. ML shared that SJS has requested letters of support for the new facility from Zachary Parker, Cafritz, and SJS's broker. SJS's ANC rep is unchanged for the new facility and he is supportive of SJS staying in the area.

ML shared that the school's principal search has reached the finalist stage, and he hopes to have an offer made by mid-May.

E. Committee Updates

TT transitioned the meeting to committee updates.

● **Executive Committee**

- TT introduced Tiffany Gillis Brown, who is observing her first SJS meeting as she considers joining the board. TGB shared that she is an attorney at the Department of Justice and owns a tutoring company. She met ML at

EdFest and was immediately drawn to SJS.

- o NRY and TT shared that we are still actively recruiting new members and expect to have 1-2 additional board candidates join future board meeting as observers in the coming months. In particular we are still looking for a parent representative and someone who could join the SPC.
- o Upcoming board transitions: MSR and TT will be rolling off the board in the summer. TT shared that the exec committee is seeking people who would be interested in serving in officer roles; NRY has expressed interest in the role of chair. Board members expressed appreciation for TT's service to the board as a founding member and chair.
- o Announcements:
 - TT will share a board composition survey in May.
 - Governance Academy (April 30) is recommended for anyone who has not attended previously.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: please contribute to the Tribute video; NRY volunteered to coordinate donuts.
 - July 13th - upcoming board retreat. (SH and EG volunteered to help with planning)
 - Remember to make your SY23-24 board contribution.
- **Finance Committee**
 - o ML shared the draft FY25 budget, which includes three scenarios for different enrollment targets - 148, 120, and 100 (contingency). With the 100-student model, net income is negative but days of cash remains strong.
 - o All models reflect the Dir. of Schools role. This role will focus on developing APs and principals to be strong coaches and leaders/managers.
 - o ML also shared the budget for SY25-26 and SY26-27, which include more ambitious models for enrollment and reflect the loss of ESSER funding.
 - o EG asked about prospects for foundation support for general operating expenses in connection with the facility move. The board briefly discussed philanthropic need for the facility acquisition.
 - o JSG gave the March financials report, which show a projection of 127 days of cash on hand by year end (this projection has remained relatively stable over the course of the year). We do expect to see a lower cash balance in future reports due to the outlay required for the modulars.
- **School Performance Committee**
 - o CCH shared that the SPC recently discussed SJS's mock ASPIRE score, QSR report, and EmpowerK12 academic recovery dashboard. These will be discussed during today's executive session.
 - o CCH shared that the SPC also recently discussed SJS's progress in the 5-year review process, including PCSB's assessment of SY22-23 goal attainment. Because of the pandemic, the only goal attainment data that SJS will have is SY22-23 and SY23-24; ML shared that he wants to be able to effectively communicate the growth that SJS has achieved over this time frame.
- **Engagement Committee**
 - o NRY shared that the Community Engagement committee discussed plans for the upcoming Civil Rights trip. Once logistics are finalized the committee will support with the creation of promotional materials, with the hope of launching a fundraising campaign soon.
 - o The committee also discussed preparation for the May facility hearing. NRY will represent the board in the hearing. SJS has secured letters of support from Zachary Parker, our broker, and Cafritz.
 - o PB recommended that the team think about what questions to anticipate



from the board based on questions that staff have raised about the application.

F. Executive Session

NRY made a motion to move to executive session to “discuss trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from outside the government, to the extent that disclosure would result in substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained.” JSG seconded the motion. PB was not present for the vote; all other members voted in favor with no abstentions. The board moved to executive session at 7:30pm.

G. Closing

The board returned to open session at 7:54pm and adjourned at 7:54pm.

