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Board Meeting Minutes
The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C.
Thursday, March 16, 2023
9:00 A.M.

Attendance:

Directors

Angelita Buckman
Vasco Fernandes
Huck O'Connor
Lesley Poole
Desa Sealy
Brian Rahaman
Raj Vinnakota
Eric Vinson Sr.

Absent

Trameece Jeffries
David Steinberg

Staff

Rahima Abdullah
Vincena Allen
Kenneth Arndt
Demetrius Blue
Beverly Bradley
Robin Chait
Keniq Coney
Linda Gebric
Holly Gray
Eriel Holloway
Rashida Holman- Jones
Kendra Jah
Kendra Johnson- Tesch
Chloe Marshall
Jason Mellen
Hopi Moodie
Christopher Rooks
Woodrow Scott
Leslie Thompson
Anshay Tull
Eric Vinson Sr.



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Secretary

Kiare Mays

Call to Order

Desa Sealy, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Sealy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made to approve minutes from November 17, 2022.

Head of School Update

Dr. Rahaman shared the following objectives for the meeting:

- Welcome New Board Members
- 25 Year Charter Review
- PCSB Approved Procurement Plan

Welcome New Board Members

A welcome was provided by board chair Desa Sealey to introduce new board members: Robin Chait, Erikka Carter, and Holly Gray. The board of trustees and staff introduced themselves to the new members.

25 Year Charter Review

On January 23, 2023, SEED DC's charter was reviewed and approved for another 5 years. There was a condition on the charter review that requires SEED DC to develop a procurement plan to be approved by PCSB. The plan was submitted to PCSB and was approved without any additional comments. The next review will be a charter renewal which will happen in 2027-2028.

Lesley Poole asked where the policy is located. Dr. Rahaman stated the documents are stored in a Google Drive procurement folder. The policy is also updated in the finance procedures manual.

Desa Sealey asked who is responsible for the execution of this plan. Dr. Rahaman informed her that the team will share responsibility between the Head of School, Finance Manager, Grants Manager, and the Executive Assistant.

Raj Vinnakota asked if there is a way to conduct the meetings without the HoS necessarily committing to the meeting. Dr. Rahaman responded by informing Mr. Vinnakota that the Executive Assistant, Grants Manager, and Finance Manager have taken the lead on managing the internal procurement process.



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Academic Updates

Demetrius Blue, Principal, provided the board with updates using images from the following events: STEM Fair, Quarter 2 Honor Roll Celebration, Hampton University College Tour, and Sneaker Ball.

Mr. Blue then shared 6 slides that showed MAP Assessment data. Mr. Blue highlighted the following metrics:

- The median fall to winter growth percentile in Mathematics is 65.5%
- The median fall to winter growth percentile in Reading is 65.5%

Average fall to winter growth percentile in Mathematics by grade level:

- Grade 9- 73%
- Grade 10-64%

Norming Sample 50%

Average fall to winter growth percentile in Reading by grade level:

- Grade 9- 69%
- Grade 10-64%

Norming Sample 50%

Mr. Raj Vinnakota asked if our students are growing at a fast enough rate to be where we want them to be when they graduate.

Student Life

Christopher Rooks, Director of Student Life, presented the board with photos of students participating in athletics, SPARKS, afterschool activities, and clubs. He provided the following updates:

Athletics

Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished the season with 8-2 records and placed 2nd in the PCSAA league. The Varsity Boys Basketball Team finished the season undefeated in PCSAA league and ranked #1 and the DCSAA Class A first in school history. The Girls Varsity Basketball Team defeated D. C. International to win the PCSAA Class A league championship.

Posse Scholar

Simona Weimer is the recipient of a full 4-year scholarship to attend Lafayette University in Fall 2023. Simona has persevered through several challenges and persistently pursued her goal to obtain a full scholarship. Congratulations.



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Clubs and SPARKS

Mr. Rooks shared the following SPARKS are being implemented: Put it on Paper Art, 2-Lit SPARK, Jazz Band Ensemble Club, Coding SPARK, and HBCU Cheer and Dance Club.

Mr. Rooks highlighted that the HBCU Cheer and Dance Club had the opportunity to represent SEED DC in a talent showcase at the Dr. Henry Wise High School and at the Washington DC Wizards Half-time Extravaganza. The Coding SPARK partnered with Fly by Nature and entered the Glow Coding Challenge where student Akari Hall made the top ten and DeCurry Buckman placed 12th.

Field Trips

The purpose of field trips is to enhance the student experience at SEED. Students are introduced to new concepts, experiences, and culturally immersive opportunities.

Students experienced the following field trips:

- Night at the Movies: Marvel's Wakanda Forever
- Cirque Dreams Holiday at The MGM National Theater
- Enchant at Nationals Park
- Washington DC Auto Show
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
- Open Mic Night at Bus Boys and Poets
- Galentine's Day Dinner at Carmine's
- Maggiano's Italian Restaurant (February Dinner with the Dean)
- Autobahn Indoor Speedway (Evening Dean's Incentive Trip)
- Benihana Restaurant (March Dinner with the Deans)

School Culture Updates

83 of our students went on an incentive-based Ski Trip and experienced skiing and snowboarding. The Falcon Theater returned to Atlanta after a 2-year hiatus. This was SEED DC's 10th appearance at the festival. SEED DC was awarded one of eight trophies for excellence in acting.

College Success Program

Anshay Tull, College and Career Counselor, shared the following data:

- 100% of our seniors have applied to 10 or more right fit colleges and universities
- 65% of our seniors have been accepted to 2 or more right fit colleges
- Our seniors have been awarded more than \$3M in scholarship and grants so far this year.

College Decision Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 3, 2023.



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Finance Update

Huck O'Connor reported the school is in an excellent financial position. The school is now debt free.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.