

**Wissahickon Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 19, 2023 7:04pm-8:32pm**

**Wissahickon Charter School
Meeting Held By Zoom**

Board Members Present: Justin Diberardinis (Chair), Rachel Loeper (Vice Chair), Charles Case (Treasurer), Shauna Mace, Ohenewaa White-Ra, Erich Holland, Allora Buckshon, Samantha Mathews, Rekyiah Abdul-Zahir, Anthony Coughlin, John Wylie

Board Members Absent: n/a

Guests: n/a

Staff Present: Kristi Littell, Jane Walsh

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm

Welcome (Justin DiBerardinis, Chair)

Some Good News (Kristi Littell, CEO)

Mighty Writers came out to both campuses for free book giveaways. Rachel reported that MW has opened a new Germantown location and has seen a significant number of Wissahickon students sign up for programs at the location.

Board Members shared some of their own good news.

Consent Agenda (Justin)

The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the financial transactions, two calendar modifications, and the March minutes, was led by Rachel and seconded by John. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Finance Committee Update (Charles)

Charles reports that the financials continue to trend positively and there has been little change since last month, which is where we want to be at this point in the fiscal year.

Justin called for a motion to approve the March Financial Statements. Erich led the motion and Shauna seconded. The March Financial Statements were approved unanimously.

Governance Committee (Shauna Mace)

Shauna reported that we have four candidates for board membership, some of whom will attend the event. In particular, Shauna has a candidate with a legal background, which is an area of expertise that we have felt we were lacking. We will also revisit our list of candidates from last year.

Development Update (Jane)

Jane reviewed board expectations and instructions for the Spring Event.

CEO Report (Kristi)

- **Diversity, Equity, & Justice** Kristi shared that two great assemblies recently occurred. At Awbury, we had an Extraordinary Women Assembly and Fernhill had a Career Day. Both events truly centered Black individuals.
- **Curriculum and School Update** We have had a higher than usual opt-out rate for the PSSAs; We are launching our new Literacy Curriculum in 6-8th grades after a successful year utilizing the curriculum in K-5th grades. This curriculum has been particularly well-suited for our environmental mission, increasing interest and curiosity in nature; We are looking for a new science curriculum.

The Board of Trustees entered a closed session to discuss Personnel and Student Issues as allowable through PA State Sunshine Laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm. A motion was made by Shauna, seconded by John, and passed unanimously.

Action Items:

- Board members are to contact their networks to encourage them to attend the Spring Event
- Board members are to read the Event Prep email from Jane
- Board Members should send any board candidates to Shauna

Any handouts that were distributed are attached.

- 2022-2023 Calendar (Both Campuses - Full Day PDs- rev. 3_22_23) (1).pdf
- 2023-2024 Calendar (Both Campuses - Full Day PDs- rev. 3_27_23).pdf
- Meeting Minutes 3.15.23
- WCS Board of Directors April 2023 Agenda
- WCS Financial Statements 202303 v2.pdf
- WCS Financial Transactions