



PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
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MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Provident Charter School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Curtis Kossman	Jennifer Fichtner	
Dr. Jean Ferketish	Darra Brock	Amelia Brett
Tyra Oliver (phone)		Brett Marcoux
Scott Cunningham	Joseph DiMario	Alan Shuckrow
Dan Sponseller	John Rushford	Karen Hanchett
	Dr. David Whitcomb	
	Dr. Sharon Arffa	
Karen Colbert	Avi Baran Munro	
Roland Gargani		
Andy Paterson (phnoe)		

1. Call to Order by President: Mr. Kossman
Mr. Kossman called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Board Meetings: September 13, 2016:

A **MOTION** was made by Dan Sponseller, duly seconded by Scott Cunningham, and the meeting minutes, previously circulated by email to all Board members, were approved.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

4. Business Services:

Mr. Marcoux reported on matters relating to school psychologists services.

5. Report on Hiring and Enrollment:

Mr. Marcoux delivered the report on current hiring and the proposed hiring of new employees for the School. After a review of the proposed new employees, Director of Special Education Rachel Owens (full time), and Wilson Instructors R. Prione and J. Rossi (each .1 time) , Mr. Sponseller moved to authorize the hiring of the new employees, which **MOTION** was seconded by Mr. Gargani, and all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Mr. Marcoux reported that 66 students had enrolled, and that the School continues working with Brian Tedeschi to advise and coordinate efforts with Shift Collaborative, Think Communication, and eHoldings Inc. regarding various marketing and proposed marketing efforts.

6. Fundraising:

The Board discussed possible fundraising opportunities with regard to assistive technology with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation. The Board also discussed various other fundraising opportunities and initiatives. Mr. Marcoux reported on his efforts to form a parent support organization to pursue school initiatives including food supply, transportation, playground and assistive technology.

It was noted that in gratitude for their generous support of the School a special tour should be arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce and representatives of the Heinz Foundation and that an invitation for a tour should be made to the Lieutenant Governor as well.

The Board also discussed opportunities with the Grable and Buhl Foundations.

7. Report on Finance and Facilities:

Mr. Gargani provided, and the board reviewed and discussed, a financial report for the School, and reported on recent substantial revenue receipts from school districts.

Mr. Kossman reported on the status of the physical facility. In recognition of the substantial and sustained efforts made by persons to complete the physical improvements to open the School under the direction of Mr. Kossman, it was agreed that student-created thank you cards would be delivered to them personally, and Karen Colbert agreed to coordinate that effort.

Mr. Kossman also reported on the recently- completed inspection by the Pittsburgh Public Schools. We are awaiting a report from PPS regarding their conclusions, which, when received, will be reviewed by our legal counsel and then discussed by the Board.

8. Oath of Remaining Board Members:

Any Board Members who have not taken the required oath should do so at the next meeting they attend. Mr. Gargani is a notary and is qualified to administer the oath.

9. Recent and Future Events:

Mr. Marcoux presented an update on two upcoming open houses and a Dyslexia Simulation event scheduled for November 5, 2016.

Mr. Shuckrow offered to conduct a seminar on fiduciary duties for the Board, at a time in early 2018 which he will coordinate.

Since there was no further business to address a **MOTION** was made to close the meeting by Mr. Sponseller at 8:05p.m. and Mr. Gargani seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sponseller, Esq.
Board Secretary