



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER
SCHOOL
April 12, 2022
6:00 – 7:45 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dr. Jean Ferketish		Maria Paluselli
David Baker	Andy Patterson	Alan Shuckrow
Curtis Kossman	John Rushford	Rachel Owens
		Kathy Clark
Joseph DiMario*		George Robinson
David Whitcomb		
Daniel Sponseller		

*Via Zoom

Public Meeting

Curtis Kossman convened the public meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular Board meeting for the month of March, 2022, copies of which were previously circulated by Mr. Sponseller.

Report on Governance

Mr. Shuckrow, counsel for the School, gave a brief legislative update concerning new regulations relating to charter schools, which primarily reaffirmed what was already in place.

Report on School Operations

Ms. Paluselli provided a brief Covid update. She proposed that thermal scans and temperature checks in the front office be removed from the Covid protocol, and explained how they were no longer necessary or advisable.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved Ms. Paluselli's proposal to amend the School's Health and Safety Plan to remove the need for thermal scans and temperature checks in the front office.

Ms. Paluselli also explained that the Commonwealth requires review and approval of the School's Wellness Policy every three years, and presented the current revised School Wellness Policy, with only minor changes, primarily to provide that the School CEO now directs the Wellness program, not the School nurse.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved the School Wellness Policy, as modified by Ms. Paluselli, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

It was also suggested at the meeting that Ms. Paluselli look into whether UPMC, the School's health insurer, will do more to affirmatively support the School Wellness program.

The Board then discussed the advisability of adopting a school uniform, which Ms. Paluselli has investigated. The Board reacted favorably to the idea, and Ms. Paluselli will report back to the Board in the future.

The Board also asked Ms. Paluselli to evaluate the capacity of the School to add students to certain grades.

Report on Business Services

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, the Board unanimously approved the vendor purchases for March 2022, provided by Ms. Paluselli, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

Report on Hiring

Ms. Paluselli reported on new hiring as reflected in Appendix A to the Agenda.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously approved the hiring reflected on Appendix A to the Agenda for this meeting.

Enrollment Report

Ms. Paluselli presented the current enrollment report which was attached as Appendix B to the Agenda.

Report on Finance and Facilities

Mr. Kossman submitted the Treasurer’s Report for March, 2022, to the Board, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer’s Report for March, 2022.

Special Events

Ms. Paluselli also reported that there would be a Board breakfast, along with a transition presentation in which the Junior Board would advise our 8th graders on preparation for the transition to high school, and a ½ day career day, on May 13, beginning at 8:30 am. She also advised that the PSC School Musical – House of Rock—would be presented on May 20-21. Finally, Mr. Kossman advised that Board member Joe DiMario has graciously agreed to be the graduation speaker for the 8th grade graduation on June 5, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board