



TECH

Freire Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 14, 2016

Minutes

Place: 1026 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Board attendees: Bruce Lesser, Bruce Levine, Sakinah Rahman, David Shahriari, Scott Solomon

Other attendees: Leigh Botwinik, Kelly Davenport, Jade Coles (student representative), Dawn Eubanks, Gerald Escovitz, Michael Greene, Tammy Khieu, Max Matthews, Quincy Miller (student representative), Johnny Mills, Bill Ray, Julia Regan Fanelli, Melanie Burke Reiser

10:05 am, meeting called to order.

I. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on November 9, 2016

- a. The Board reviews the minutes from its meeting on November 9, 2016.
- b. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Sakinah Rahman seconds. All in favor.

III. Development and Fundraising

- a. Leigh Botwinik reviews year-to-date fundraising progress. Leigh notes that the Freire network's annual appeal campaign is underway, and that TECH Freire was recently awarded a grant to fund makerspace equipment by the McLean Contributorship.

IV. Governance

- a. Elect Dawn Eubanks
 - i. The Board reviews the resume of Dawn Eubanks, a parent of a TECH Freire student and a prospective member of TECH Freire's Board of Directors.
 - ii. Sakinah Rahman makes a motion to elect Dawn Eubanks to the Board of Directors. Bruce Levine seconds. All in favor.
- b. Resignation of Gerald Escovitz
 - i. The Board notes the resignation of Gerald Escovitz from the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School, and recognizes Gerald's many contributions to TECH Freire's success.
 - ii. The Board also notes that Scott Solomon has resigned from the Board of Freire Charter School, and will remain on the Board of TECH Freire Charter School.

V. School Report

- a. Equity Plan
 - i. Max Matthews reviews TECH Freire's proposed Equity Plan, noting that the creation of this plan is a federal requirement intended to ensure that school districts treat all of their schools equitably.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the Equity Plan. Sakinah Rahman seconds. All in favor.
- b. Teacher Certification

- i. Dave Shahriari updates the Board on the status of TECH Freire's teacher certification rate, noting that TECH Freire leadership are working with uncertified teachers to resolve the issue as soon as possible.
- c. School Update
 - i. Dave Shahriari updates the Board on the progress of TECH Freire's operations, noting that maker spaces are being integrated into instruction in increasingly significant ways, and that the school has already received more than 400 applications from students who wish to enroll in TECH Freire in 2017-18.
- d. Update from Staff Member
 - i. Dave Shahriari introduces Michael Greene, who is the Associate Dean as well as a basketball coach at TECH Freire. Michael discusses his role at TECH Freire with the Board.

VI. Financials

- a. November 2016 Financial Dashboard
 - i. Bill Ray reviews TECH Freire's financial dashboard for November 2016.
- b. October 2016 Financials
 - i. Bill Ray reviews financial statements for October 2016.

VII. Policy Adoption

- a. Suicide Prevention Policy
 - i. Max Matthews reviews TECH Freire's proposed Suicide Prevention Policy, which has been developed in alignment with new statewide regulation.
 - ii. Dawn Eubanks makes a motion to approve the Suicide Prevention Policy. Bruce Lesser seconds. All in favor.

11:17 am, meeting adjourned.