



TECH

Freire Charter School

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 1, 2017

Minutes

Place: 2221 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132

Board attendees: Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser (via phone), Sakinah Rahman, David Shahriari, Scott Solomon

Other attendees: Leigh Botwinik, Kelly Davenport, Quran Frazier (student representative), Tammy Khieu, Max Matthews, Johnny Mills, Bill Ray, Julia Regan Fanelli, Brittany Reid-Harden, Jupiter Suarez (student representative), Ben Wainwright, Lanora Wells

9:04 am, meeting called to order.

I. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

II. Review & Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on December 14, 2016

- a. The Board reviews the minutes from its meeting on December 14, 2016.
- b. Sakinah Rahman makes a motion to approve the minutes. Bruce Lesser 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 has taken place, and that preparations for the annual Bridge to Wisdom fundraising gala are underway.

IV. Financials

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

V. Governance

- a. Discuss Election of TECH Freire Board Vice Chair
 - i. The Board notes that in the wake of Gerald Escovitz's resignation from the Board of Directors, the slate of officers of the Board will need to be restructured in the near future.
- b. New Potential Board Members
 - i. The Board reviews the resume of Matt Johnson, a prospective new member of the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Scott Solomon introduces Lanora Wells, a prospective parent member of the Board of Directors.

- c. Public Official Surety Bonds
 - i. Max Matthews explains that the Pennsylvania Public School Code requires all public schools' Board Treasurers and Secretaries to hold surety bonds. Due to anticipated changes in the slate of officers, however, the Board agreed to table discussion of this topic.
- d. Child Abuse and Criminal Background Checks
 - i. Tammy Khieu explains that the board of Freire Charter School agreed at a recent meeting that all board members should be asked to complete the same clearances that all school volunteers undergo as part of their membership on the Board. She recommends that TECH Freire therefore adopt the same practice, and reviews procedures for completing these clearances. The directors present agree to this as a best practice. Max Matthews notes that under state law, public school board members cannot have been convicted of a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude, and that this process will help document compliance with that provision.

VI. School Report

- a. School Update
 - i. Dave Shahriari, Quran Frazier, and Jupiter Suarez update the Board on the progress of TECH Freire's operations, noting that the second academic quarter has just ended.
- b. Update from Staff Member
 - i. Dave Shahriari introduces Brittany Reid-Harden, who is the 9th Grade Academic Advisor as well as the Activities Coordinator at TECH Freire. Brittany discusses her role at TECH Freire with the Board.

10:12 am, meeting adjourned.