



# TECH

## Freire Charter School

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 5, 2017

#### Minutes

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

Board attendees: David Bryant, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, Sakinah Rahman, David Shahriari, Scott Solomon

Other attendees: Tom Caramanico, Alexander George (student representative), Max Matthews, Johnny Mills, Lamaje Moss (student representative), Scott Nelsen, Bill Ray, Julia Regan Fanelli, Ben Wainwright

9:00 AM, meeting called to order.

#### I. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

#### II. Review & Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on March 8, 2017

- a. The Board reviews the minutes from its meeting on March 8, 2017.
- b. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Sakinah Rahman seconds the motion.
- c. David Bryant, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, Sakinah Rahman, and Scott Solomon voted in favor of the motion. There were no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.

#### III. Development and Fundraising

- a. Development Report
  - i. Leigh Botwinik reviews year-to-date fundraising progress.
- b. Bridge to Wisdom
  - i. Leigh Botwinik reviews preparations for the annual Bridge to Wisdom fundraising gala, which will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.
- c. Fundraising Committee
  - i. Tom Caramanico updates the Board on the progress of the Fundraising Committee.

#### IV. Financials

- a. February 2017 Financial Package
  - i. Bill Ray reviews TECH Freire's financial report for February 2017. Bill notes that the School District of Philadelphia's previously announced retroactive reduction to capitation rates has gone into effect, and that the School District will collect the extra funds it has disbursed in installments over the next five months.
- b. Health Insurance Broker Selection
  - i. Bill Ray explains that Freire Charter School has recently moved to a new insurance broker, Zenefits, from BMC Benefits, which is currently TECH Freire's insurance broker.

Bill advises the Board to authorize TECH Freire to switch to using Zenefits as its insurance broker as well.

- ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to authorize TECH Freire to switch to using Zenefits as its insurance broker. Matt Johnson seconds the motion.
- iii. David Bryant, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, Sakinah Rahman, and Scott Solomon voted in favor of the motion. There were no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.

**V. School Report**

- a. School Update
  - i. Dave Shahriari, Alexander George, and Lamaje Moss update the Board on the progress of TECH Freire's operations, discussing measures school leadership is taking to ensure students' safety in Center City after school.
- b. Update from Staff Member
  - i. Dave Shahriari introduces Scott Nelsen, who teaches 9<sup>th</sup> grade English and leads the student newspaper club at TECH Freire. Scott discusses his role at TECH Freire with the Board.

**VI. Executive Session**

- a. The Board enters executive session to discuss personnel issues. The Board holds an executive session from 11:05 AM until 11:44 AM.

11:44 AM, meeting adjourned.