## THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



## **EXCELLENCE • CHARACTER • COURAGE • COMMITMENT**

Minutes-Board of Trustees Meeting, December 15, 2022

By Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Denis O'Rouke, Dan Sang, Linnet Tse, Socrates Solano

Absent: Sarah Fuentes, Janine Azriliant, Charmone Adams, Rick Marsico, Jumaane Saunders. Christian Bannerman

Executive Director Richard Burke, Principal Liz Runco, and Robin Sharpe(Dir. SPED)

Welcome, and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM and thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had questions about items on the Consent Agenda, which was accepting the minutes.

The consent agenda had no comments, and it was accepted.

Mr. Callahan asked Mr. Burke to review the Financials.

## Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said our finances showed we had 108 days of cash (\$3632281). Mr. Burke stated that this was the fifth month of the year. He said they are seeing high costs increase across the Board due to inflation, but we have been holding costs down, and a few staff have left, so we are on track according to our Budget.

Executive Director Report- Mr. Burke talked first about the murder of our 9<sup>th</sup> Garder Prince Shabazz and how the school was handling it, and the help we had from DOE and Councilwoman Sanchez with Good Shepard counselors. Mr. Burke also spoke about how "Friends of" was helping with the funeral. He also talked about the ceremony we had with the family and students.

He spoke about how other than this tragedy, November was filled with positive cultural and academic achievements in the school. He told of the positive culture and events that have strengthened the culture and our efforts to increase on-time attendance and



attendance efforts. Mr. Burke asked Ms. Runco to talk about the trip to NYLaw School Mock Trials, the food drive, and actions leading up to Thanksgiving

Chairman Report -Mr. Callahan spoke and then updated on the building options for the Middle School and the status of the temporary space until the building is finished. He also urged everyone to send out fundraising ask letters.

Mr. Callahan called for Committee Reports.

Finance-Mr. Callahan mentioned that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the August Financials, and Mr. Burke had spoken to the financials earlier.

Academic Committee- Mr. Burke mentioned that Ms. Fuentes planned that the Academic Committee would take place in February after the STAR testing and Mock regents data would be available.

Governance- Mr. Callahan said that the Governance would meet this coming Tuesday.

Fundraising Committee- Mr. Burke said our updated Annual Report had been finished and copies made available along with the sample fundraising ask letter.

Mr. Callahan spoke about the effort to get everyone to send out requests and talked about what money was used from Friends to support the students and families.

Mr. Callahan said there was a new business, and Mr. Callahan with Ms. Tse talked about the planned visits by Board members to the school during January 11-13. If any Board members want to visit or bring someone to visit, let Rick and me know Mr. Callahan and Mr. Burke wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Mr. O'Rouke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Fuentes, and approved at 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting: January 19. 2023, 6:00 PM.

John Callahan