

**FOLK ARTS-CULTURAL TREASURES CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

1023 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123
Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Selina Morales, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Rebecca Rathje, Laurence Tom (late)

Staff Present: David Brown, Pheng Lim, Ellen Somekawa

I. Call to Order: Selina Morales

II. Principal's Report Pheng Lim

- Shared a list of Schools FACTS' 8th graders are going to
- New School Board members visited FACTS as a way of learning about charter schools.
- PCCY's Picasso Program visited FACTS to help advance its thinking about arts integration
- PSSA scores came out last week
 - Math PSSAs dipped slightly
 - ELA PSSAs went up slightly
- Summer planning for teachers: ELA Coordinators, Social Studies

Executive Director's Report Ellen Somekawa

- Thin summer staff: Government compliance and reporting going on and preparing for next year

IV. Finance Report

- Presentation of the June financial statements David Brown

Why we ended the year with a \$500,000+ surplus when we had anticipated a small loss. Income was \$378,000 higher than budgeted. The biggest change was that we had budgeted for a mid-year cut in the per pupil allocation from the SDP; this reduction did not happen and moreover, the per pupil allocation was increased late in the school year. Expenses were also over \$200,000 lower than budgeted. Some of this is accounted for by the fact that we budgeted before all hiring was complete; some staff salaries were lower than budgeted.

At the next meeting, there will be an end-of-year close out report.

V. Establishment of a Compensation Committee

Should FACTS establish a Compensation Committee to examine FACTS's Teachers' Salary Scale in comparison to other schools? What should be the

composition of this committee? Should this committee also evaluate management and non-instructional salaries?

- Composition:
 - Tim Matheney, Ellen Somekawa, Ricque Porter, David Brown
 - Others with experience in public schools (Tim might have ideas)
 - Charter Schools experts? Organizations or individuals
 - Should we see if PSP will fund a consultant to do the research?
- Phases:
 - Brainstorm questions and who might help answer questions
 - Perhaps ask people to contribute to a one time infusion of knowledge and after that make it an internal committee
 - Return to the Board with recommendations
- Timeline:
 - It would be good if there were a change for the 2019-20 year, before the move

VI. Development Committee

Rebecca Rathje

Board support for the 5K Fundraiser: Action Steps

- 5K is October 13. Now is the time to be fundraising:
 - Getting sponsorships, getting teams together
 - We need to seek sponsorships early in the year. Many companies decide on sponsorships in the first part of the year.
 - Rebecca will send out the materials related to sponsorships and share the sponsorship list
 - Rebecca will meet with individual board members to help brainstorm ideas for teams and sponsorships
 - David will send Rebecca the new list of vendors
 - How do we get a list of families that own businesses?
 - Ricque sent out an email to parents today.
 - Existing donor base?
 - We do solicit our existing donor base for the 5K?
 - Need to ask teachers
 - Ask for sponsorships as well as donations
 - Pheng: ask Becky from Neubauer if she could suggest a few potential sponsors to reach out to

VII. Executive Session

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- To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained
- To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law

VIII. Return to Public Session

IX. Approval of the Minutes

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2018.

Moved: Rebecca Rathje
Seconded: Ed Nakawatase
Abstained: Laurence Tom
Voted Yes: Selina Morales, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Rebecca Rathje

IX. Action Items

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the revision of the following staff contracts:

NAME	POSITION	SALARY	NOTES
Lisa Pankey	SPED Supervisor	86,000	Change to 12 month
Ricque Porter	Associate Director	3400	Summer 2018 Stipend
Arielle Warshawsky	Teacher	42,570	Change to no ELD Cert

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves contracting with Nyman Associates for the provision of Speech Therapy Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves contracting with Martin Luther School (an Alternate Private School) for Extended School Year Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves contracting with Martin Luther School (an Alternate Private School) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the purchase of Eureka Math books from Great Minds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.

8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the purchase of Singapore Math books from Singapore Math in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.

Moved as a block Resolutions #2 - #7: Neeta Patel
Seconded: Ed Nakawatase

Yes: Selina Morales, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Rebecca Rathje, Laurence Tom

6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the information in the Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement Program is accurate [i.e. Gross Annual Lease Cost is \$600,000].

Moved: Tim Matheney

Seconded: Neeta Patel

Yes: Selina Morales, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Rebecca Rathje, Laurence Tom

X. Adjournment

Moved to Adjourn: Ed Nakawatase

Seconded: Rebecca Rathje

Yes: Selina Morales, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Rebecca Rathje, Laurence Tom