

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

1023 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123
Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Simon Liu, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth

Board Members Absent: Pooja Agarwal, Heather Davis-Jones, Selina Morales

Board Member on Leave of Absence: Laurence Tom

Staff Present: Pheng Lim, Ellen Somekawa

Public Present: Nanme Zheng

- I. Call to Order:** Neeta Patel
- II. Introduction of Alan Phan, prospective Board member** Ed Nakawatase
- III. Principal's Report** Pheng Lim

- Many Points of View Day: purpose
- Curriculum Council Priorities: Evaluating our new schedule
 - Reduce the size of recess: increase social emotional learning, increase safety
 - Create a K-2 phonics block
 - Move targeted intervention to the end of the day
- Exploring Flexible Instructional Days: just in case there are too many snow days
 - This would be for middle school students where we need the most instructional hours
- Evaluating the Admin Council Focus Project
- Conducting monthly listening tours: hearing there is a strong sense of community and welcome. New teachers expressed feeling welcome. Stress from new schedule.
- Pheng will be a panelist at a conference about the role of arts in education

Executive Director's Report Ellen Somekawa

IV. 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 September 18, 2019.

Moved: Ed Nakawatase

Seconded: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Voted Yes: Simon Liu, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth

Abstained: Pooja Agarwal, Tim Matheney

V. Finance Report

Report on the Finance Committee

Neeta Patel

Created an annual schedule of work for the finance committee
First order of business is the review of the audit.
An Audit Review Committee and meeting date has been established

Report on the September Financial Statements

David Brown

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the financial statements of September 30, 2019.

Moved: Pooja Agarwal
Seconded: Allaire Wohlgemuth
Yes: Simon Liu, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth

VI. Strategic Planning

Neeta Patel

We issued an RFP for a consultant. We got two responses and held interviews. Will be making a recommendation soon.

VII. Development Committee

Ellen Somekawa

5K Last Push and Board Roles at the event

VIII. Nominations Committee

Ed Nakawatase

Recommending Alan Phan for membership to the board

IX. Action Items:

3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School appoints Alan Phan to the Board of Trustees.

Moved: Tim Matheney
Seconded: Pooja Agarwal
Voted Yes: Simon Liu, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth

4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the request to the Pennsylvania Department of Health to expand the acceptable timeframe for completion of physical examinations and dental screenings from March 1 of the designated school year to January 1 of the designated school year.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves the Mandated Screening and Health Examinations Policy.

6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves accepting a subgrant from the Asian Arts Initiative as part of the Shared Spaces Program for the purposes of purchasing a sprung wooden dance floor in the amount of \$10,000.

7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School approves accepting a corporate donation from Asian Americans United for the purposes of installing a sprung wooden dance floor in the amount of \$9890.

Moved as a bloc #4-7: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Seconded: Pooja Agarwal

Voted Yes: Simon Liu, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth

X. Adjournment

Moved to Adjourn: Tim Matheney

Seconded: Allaire Wohlgemuth

Voted Yes: Simon Liu, Tim Matheney, Ed Nakawatase, Neeta Patel, Allaire Wohlgemuth