

DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 2, 2023
8:00AM
DREAM 20 BRUCKNER, THE BRONX, NY 10454
MINUTES OF MEETING

Trustees Present:

Pete Daneker, Ashish Doshi, Jonathan Gyurko, Michele Joerg, Vik Sawhney (Virtual), and Jonathan Schmerin (Virtual)

Trustees Absent:

None

DREAM Staff Present:

Rich Berlin, Eve Colavito, Katie Doctor, Jared Francis, Kalila Hoggard, Crystal Lane, Ali Tan, and Angela Ortiz

Invited Guest Present:

Don Sawyer

Members of the Public Present:

None

Welcome and Governance

Ashish Doshi, Chair, welcomed Trustees and previewed the agenda.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2022 meeting was made by Jonathan Schmerin, duly seconded by Vik Sawhney, and passed.

Eve Colavito, Co-CEO of DREAM, welcomed prospective DCS Trustee, Don Sawyer.

Don Sawyer introduced himself and shared his background, then exited the meeting.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the nomination of Don Sawyer to the DREAM Charter School (DCS) Board of Trustees.

Ashish called for a vote on Don Sawyer's inclusion as a Trustee. All in favor and vote passed unanimously. Don rejoined the meeting.

Academic Updates: School Year 2022-2023

Crystal Lane, Managing Director of Schools, provided academic updates including K-2 MAP and 3-8 Interim Assessment summaries.

Jared Francis, Managing Director of High School and Leadership Development, provided a report on DREAM Charter High School (DCHS) semester one final exam data and student achievement.

Jared reported on Cohort 2023 early decision college acceptances.

Eve discussed the growth of DCHS over the next five years and the number of ninth grade students that will be joining in the fall of the school year 2023-2024.

Brief discussion and questions from the Board ensued.

College Persistence

Eve introduced the college persistence data.

Katie Doctor, Managing Director of Educational Strategy and Data, provided the board with an overview on college matriculation and persistence, as well as a deep dive look at the current state of DCHS Cohorts 2021 and 2022. She also reported on the trends in withdrawals from college by cohort 2021 students.

Kalila Hoggard, Managing Director of Programs, reported on the GPA and SEL (Social Emotional Learning) scores from cohort 2021 students and how those serve as predictive factors for college persistence. She also discussed root cause analysis and DCHS levers of SEL preparation.

Discussion and questions from Board ensued.

Strategic Planning

Eve stated that a strategic planning briefing will be scheduled for board members to learn about the Bellwether team, planning process, and intended outcomes and deliverables.

Brief discussion and questions from Board ensued.

Key Dates

Eve communicated that the May 18 DCS Board meeting date is going to be rescheduled for late May/early June and asked board members to save the date for the DREAM Gala on May 18, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39AM.