

DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
8:00AM
ZOOM: [HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/9755124649](https://zoom.us/j/9755124649)
MINUTES OF MEETING

Trustees Present:

Ashish Doshi, Pete Daneker, Michele Joerg, Jonathan Schmerin, Vicki Zubovic, Adam Miller, Don Sawyer (Virtual), Vik Sawhney (Virtual)

Trustees Absent:

None

DREAM Staff Present:

Rich Berlin, Eve Colavito, James DiCosmo, Katie Doctor, Crystal Lane, Alice Tan, Danny Auerbach

Members of the Public Present:

None

Welcome

Ashish Doshi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:01 am and welcomed everyone, including new trustees Vicki Zubovic and Adam Miller.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 meeting was made by Jonathan Schmerin, duly seconded by Vik Sawhney, and passed.

Eve Colavito, Co-CEO, shared some highlights from the all-staff DREAM Big Institute and discussed who DREAM serves today, including growing enrollment figures (currently at 1,800 across six school locations). Discussion ensued.

Eve also shared that we are excited to have five new leadership promotions: James DiCosmo (Chief Financial Officer), Katie Doctor (Chief Strategy Officer), Raymie Fernandez (Chief Operations Officer), Kalila Hoggard (Chief People & Equity Officer), and Crystal Lane (Chief Education Officer).

Governance

Eve noted that DREAM Charter School East Harlem & DREAM Charter School Mott Haven's current charter terms need to be renewed to continue operating beyond the 2023-2024 school year. The renewal process was discussed, underscoring that all trustees are expected to attend the

board interview on November 8.

Finance

James DiCosmo, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the DCS Statement of Activities and Balance Sheet. Discussion and questions from the Board ensued.

Summer Highlights

Crystal Lane, Chief Education Officer, shared a range of summer highlights, including that DCS students grew 10%+ academically both in ELA and math from pre to post test assessments. Furthermore, 91.5% of Real Kids (RK) students were satisfied with their experience this summer, and ~78% of DREAM students participated in summer programming. Discussion ensued, and the floor was open for questions.

SY22-23 Student Achievement Data

Crystal and Katie Doctor, Chief Strategy Officer, shared an overview of K-2 and HS achievement data by grade level and then went into detail on both academic and SEL results. Discussion followed, with a particular focus on curriculum and assessment.

SY23-24 School Year

Crystal reviewed the school-year priorities: high quality preparation and demonstration of student learning. Eve gave an update on student enrollment, which exceeds budgeted numbers, and on staff retention data, breaking out metrics by school.

Upcoming Dates

Eve noted December 7 at 8:00AM as the date of the next DCS board meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.