

DREAM CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 7, 2023

8:15AM

The Blackstone Group | 345 Park Ave | 42nd Floor Board Room

MINUTES OF MEETING

Trustees Present:

Ashish Doshi, Pete Daneker, Michele Joerg, Adam Miller, Don Sawyer

Trustees Absent:

Vicki Zubovic

DREAM Staff Present:

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

Members of the Public Present:

None

Welcome

Eve Colavito, Co-Chief Executive Officer, and Ashish Doshi, Board Chair, welcomed everyone and previewed the agenda.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting was made by Don Sawyer, duly seconded by Adam Miller, and passed.

Governance

Ashish shared that there is an open officer seat for the DCS Board Treasurer position, which also serves as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, and an additional vacant seat on our Finance & Audit Committee. Adam Miller has generously agreed to fill in as Board Treasurer, and Vicki Zubovic has agreed to join the Finance & Audit Committee.

A motion to approve Adam Miller for DCS Board Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee as well as Vicki Zubovic as a member of Finance and Audit Committee was made by Michele Joerg, duly seconded by Don Sawyer, and passed.

Eve previewed background on a prospective trustee. Discussion ensued.

Finance Update

James DiCosmo, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the October financials and provided an update on the 1184 River Ave project. Discussion ensued.

Student Enrollment

Kalila Hoggard, Chief People & Equity Officer, shared an overview of the student enrollment by school for the 2023-2024 school year. Discussion ensued with a focus on enrollment at DREAM Highbridge Elementary School.

School Updates & Student Outcomes

Crystal Lane, Chief Education Officer, presented achievement result highlights from the 2022-2023 school year and discussed the drivers behind these results. Discussion ensued.

Crystal also noted that it was the strongest school launch post-pandemic and explained several strengths as well as areas of growth.

Talent Updates

Kalila shared an overview of the staff retention strategic priority. Discussion ensued with a focus on how to increase teacher retention.

Strategic Planning

Eve Colavito gave an update on the strategic planning process with the goal of launching the strategic plan externally in Spring 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.