

**St. Coletta Public Charter School Board Meeting**

**Wednesday July 10, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

***Welcome, roll call, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Josh Lewis***

In Attendance on ZOOM - Carla Ware-Easterling

In Person Attendance- Frances Slaughter, Charles Henstenburg, Shanta Bryant, Josh Lewis, Janel Brown, Francis Campbell, Mike Rodrigues, Michael Olivarri, Amy Warden, and Kaiheem Mason

***Approval of the minutes from the previous board meeting on May 8, 2024.***

Review of minutes from the previous meeting, a motion with all voting members approving the minutes for the May 08, 2024, session.

***Period of open comment and questions from members of the public***

Participant Devin McGrath thanked the Board for the work completed on behalf of the school.

***The State of the School: Highlights and Challenges since last board meeting in May***

***Headlines from School—Amy Warden, Principal***

Celebrations in July, water day, graduation, house celebrations, Prom, accomplishments of the school year. Groundwork and practices in place that will improve the next year.

Parent training goal has been met at 72%, and the Director of Therapeutic Services is credited for the effort to reach the goal. Vocational Task analysis with goal met, gathering data on attendance, IEP and graduation rate. Actively enrolling students for the Fall 24/25

school year. Fifteen students will be graduating on July 19, 2024. Currently, the PCS is fully staffed with six (6) new teachers who will complete the onboarding process. The process for hiring additional staff of six (6) new Speech therapist and three (3) new Occupational Therapists, the new Special Education Coordinator will start soon, and an offer is currently being made to new Director of IEP Services. Recruitment needs for SCC, one (1) Social Worker is needed, one (1) Assistant Principal will be leaving, planning for departure and coverage is currently being addressed.

DCPS- There are currently no due process complaints to be processed, LEI Title funding meeting was held today, use of funds for future plans was discussed. One In School Suspension since the last Board meeting.

***Financial Report—Michael Olivarri, CFO***

For FY25, the proposed budget shows a surplus of approximately \$900k. This includes \$1.2 million in supplemental funding included in the final DC budget. There was general-board discussion of the proposed budget, and then there was a motion to approve the FY25 budget as presented. All board members voted to approve the proposed budget for FY25.

***Additional comments—Mike Rodrigues, CEO***

The goal is for every Council Member to speak publicly on behalf of the students, school, and what it brings to the community. The current goal is to reinstate the Gap Funding on a long-term basis to avoid the current situation of having to rely on supplemental funding each fiscal year.

School leadership has been focused on the fiscal health of the school and the overall St. Coletta operation. There is aa surplus in FY24 after operating at a deficit in prior years. The “three-legged-school” for success is enrolling 250 students in the school, maximizing attendance in the adult program, and reinstating the Gap Funding.

***Strategic Plan – Recent updates, plans, and progress made***

- Met accreditation and licensing requirements
- Improved performance dashboard
- Excellent rating on Provider Certification Review
- School accountability goals have been met
- Completed year one (1) expectations to improve culture, mission, value, and goals
- Strengthened school leadership and retention
- Reduced class size while achieving student enrollment of 250

**Board involvement in the implementation of the plan-** School leadership will consider future opportunities for the Board to be involved in the review of the strategic plan.

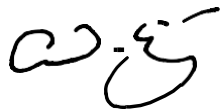
**Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI)** – School leadership will continue to invest in the REDI work and there will be opportunities for additional training/involvement for the Board. A Fall Retreat is under consideration for the Board for required Board Development and discussion of REDI.

**Other business**

Annual evaluations for Amy Warden, Principal, are in the process of being developed and implemented.

**The Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM**

The Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2024, have been reviewed, all board members have reviewed and voted on the information presented during the September 11, 2024, scheduled Board Meeting.



Carla Ware-Easterling

St. Coletta Public Charter School Board Secretary and Parent Representative

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