



**DEEP ROOTS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date	5/12/2020
Time	6:30 p.m.
In person attendees	NA
Phone Participants	Ashley McGrath Logan Blyler Rob Burns Christopher Barratt Adonis Bangeas Lauren Prisco Kim Griffith Pat Hennessey Justin Harper Jason Tucker Kevin Corcoran

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Welcoming Remarks & Introductions
- b. Deep Roots Charter School Mission & Vision

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- a. Add Special Education Settlement discussion and move to start of meeting.
- b. Add discussion of 2nd school social worker for SY20-21

3. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2020 MINUTES

- a. APRIL 2020 Minutes reviewed by Rob Burns
 - i. Motion to Approve by: Justin H.
 - ii. Motion Seconded by: Kim G.
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous

4. REPORTS

- a. **SCHOOL LEADER & OPERATIONS REPORT**

- i. Shifted into Phase 3 of Remote learning since updated guidance. Planned Instruction is occurring and students are receiving new content/instruction each week.
- ii. Beginning to dig into planning for return in the fall and any changes that may need to occur as a result of 2020 closures.
- iii. Have had all conversations with existing teachers around plans for next year. All but 3 teachers intend to return and all nonteaching positions are planning on returning. All attrition based new hires and growth new hires are complete with the exception of an upper grades math teacher. With Board approval, looking to use CARES Act funding in order to add additional Social worker for SY20-21. This position would ultimately be absorbed into the general budget as DRCS grows and CARE Act funding expires.
- iv. Trailer project underway. Mandrel in contact with Shift. Permitting application process. Project to start in early-mid June.
- v. Operations team doing planning around how to close out the building from SY19-20 and reopen in SY 20-21

b. FINANCIAL REPORT

- i. Current-year bottom trending upward despite challenges with Special Education funding as a result of changes to student count processes due to COVID-19 closure. Team actively working with CSO and Pat's team to address data gaps.
- ii. Philadelphia District Budget for 20-21 will be key driver for Deep Roots in 21-22
- iii. Recommend moving forward with the same auditor for next school year. Funding line already included in SY20-21 budget draft and would be inherently approved with the budget. Sooner "thumbs up" will allow DRCS/CC team to get a jump via remote processes. <<Finance Committee comfortable moving forward.>>

iv.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Discussion—Special Education Settlement Student MS and Student ER:** C.Barratt finalizing agreements, including attorneys fees for approval.
- b. **For Discussion—SY2020-2021 Budget:** Reviewed in depth during the April 2020 Board meeting. Providing final opportunities for Board to review and ask questions, in addition to time for evolving State guidance through June Board meeting. Final approval for June 2020 Board agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Discussion: Utilizing portion of ESSER/CARES Act funding to hire a 2nd School Social Worker for SY20-21**—Initiating hiring process for initially unplanned School Social worker position in order to be responsive to anticipated needs of return from COVID-19 related closures.

- b. **For Approval: Amended Apply Philly Charter MOU**—Approval to accept the terms of the updated Apply Philly Charter MOU agreement, as per the terms of DRCS' grant agreement with Philadelphia Schools Partnership
 - i. Motion to Approve by: Adonis B.
 - ii. Motion Seconded by: Justin H.
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous

- c. **For Discussion: Security Camera Installation**—Request to get 1-2 additional quotes prior to vote at June 2020 meeting.

7. COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Fundraising Committee Planning
- b. DRCS Email Transition Norms

8. REVIEW OF REMAINING SY19-20 BOARD MEETING DATES

- Tuesday, June 9, 2020—6:30-8:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by: Jason T.
- b. Motion Seconded by: Kim G.
- c. Vote: Unanimous