



**DEEP ROOTS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date	11/17/2021
Time	6:30 p.m.
In person attendees	NA
Phone/ZOOM Web Conferencing Participants	Ashley McGrath Logan Blyler Ivan Estevez Justin Harper Ann McKetta Patricia Hennessy Adonis Banegas Kim Griffith Victoria Sipes Kevin Corcoran Sherice Bradham Shauna Westmoreland Tiffany Schroeder
Meeting Location	Meeting fully remote Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4522946485?pwd=dDJ5djRIQ205d0MxY1ZxbzZRTGhYUT09

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA

- a. None

3. REPORTS

- a. School Leader Report
 - i. Current building cannot fit K-8 programming or growth. Trailers are not a long-term solution due to zoning.
 - ii. Have looked for locations for growth however have not been able to find
 - 1. Limited real estate options within Deep Roots catchment

2. COVID-19 pandemic has effected cost of goods including commercial space that Deep Roots can financially afford
3. Kensington real estate in high demand and schools as tenants are often considered less desirable
- iii. When making the decision of staying K-6 or moving to K-5, want to factor in entry points to other schools
- iv. For all of these reasons, CEO is making recommendation to the board to move to a K-5 model for the 2022-2023 SY.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Sherice Bradham, Parent of Deep Roots Student – would like her student to attend a larger school location that can accommodate larger groups of students.
- b. Shauna Westmoreland, parent of Deep Roots student as well as part-time staff member – would prefer to go to a K-5 model; have witnessed the hall and classroom overcrowding of students that is taking away from quality of program
- c. Tiffany Schroeder, parent of Deep Roots student – shared concerns about students with special education services, including her own students, and their home schools not being able to meet their needs; wants to make sure students with IEPs needs are being considered when making this determination

5. BOARD VOTE

- a. The DRCS Board of Governors approves Deep Roots to serve K-5 grade students in SY22-23.
 - i. Motion to Approve by: Victoria Sipes
 - ii. Motion Seconded by: Adonis Banegas
 - iii. Roll Call:
 - Justin Harper – yes
 - Kim Griffith – yes
 - Adonis Banegas– yes
 - Victoria Sipes– yes
 - Ann McKetta - yes

6. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. COO – Ashley McGrath reviewed with Board next steps for communication to staff, families and community.
- b. CEO providing availability for staff and community for any questions or comment
- c. Board President – Justin Harper acknowledged difficulty of decision and extended thanks to all attendees.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by: Ann McKetta
- b. Motion Seconded by: Adonis Banegas
- c. Vote: Unanimous