



PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Deep Roots Charter School
3556 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134
March 12, 2024 6:30PM

Virtual

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Meeting ID: 718 669 8028

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Called to order: 6:35

Present Board Members

- Valerie Joell (remote)
- Eric White (remote)
- Kim Griffith (remote)
- Debi Durso (remote)

Others in Attendance

- Emily Dorr (PE teacher at DRCS)
- John Widmer (Senior Director of Operations)
- Lucilla Perry-Edward, CEO and Principal of DRCS
- Kevin Corcoran (Charter Choices - arrived at 6:40)
- Holden Jones (Dean at DRCS)

1. Approval of February 13, 2024 meeting minutes

- Motion: Debi Durso
- Second: Eric White
- **Passed with all approval - R -240213-01**

2. Public Comment

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- No public comment

3. Reports

School Report from Lucilla Perry, CEO

- Intro to John Widmer! Focusing on attendance and facilities
 - 95% daily attendance
 - Current average 88% (daily)

- We're aiming for 44% - we're at 27%. Still in range for low 30s which is comparatively strong
- Attendance incentives are still
- Specialized services
 - We are seeing an increase in students in the lower grades in process
 - Debi commented - schools across the board are seeing an increase in education populations in lower grades. We should also explore how to support students in exiting.
- Instruction
 - Heggerty started - Jounce coach supported a strong start to it
 - Another coach supporting on planning and data tracking
 - ANet is next week
 - Coaching contract coming to an end on April
 - Skyrocket will continue
- Charter Renewal
 - Submitted to charter office
- Staffing
 - Lost two case managers - left to take on leadership roles

(See CEO report for further details)

**** Val moved to breakout room for board discussion of Jounce coaching (6:53 - 6:55)

Governance Report from Debi Durso, Board Vice President

- A reminder to complete the "Statements of Financial Interest"
- Priority Deadline: 3/22

School Oversight from Valerie Joell, Board Secretary

- 3rd Grade Tutoring up and running
- ANet - Providing standards aligned data (quizzes happening, and working on getting access to that data)
- Attendance meetings

Finance Report from Kevin Corcoran, Charter Choices and Eric White, Treasurer

- No risk of any of the metrics that SDP tracks for renewal
- 6th grade is going to add revenue so there is no risk to losing ESSER
- Eric discussed - Grant writing, and SpEd resources
- Debi asked - Do we do access billing?
- Lucilla - will invite Mishel next month

4. New Business

No new business

5. Adjournment - 7:20

- Motion: Eric White
- Second: Kim Griffith

