

Board of Governors Meeting
Washington Latin Public Charter School
5200 2nd Street, NW Washington, DC
Thursday, May 26, 2016
6:00pm

Governors Present: M. Cave (skype); C. Culver; R. Dalal; J. Davis; A. Economou; C. Ejiasa; M. Levasseur; A. Lovett; P. Mara (late); T. Morgan; T. Tuck (late); A. Wilkins; C. Wilkinson

Absent: R. Greiff; J. Olchefske; H. Rawlings

Head of School: M. Cutts

Guests:

Geovanna Izurieta, WLPCS Director of Finance
Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal
Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development
Eric Harter, Shanahan Law Firm

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ejiasa called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Economou then presented the minutes from the general board meeting on March 24, 2016. The minutes were approved unanimously and with no changes after a motion made by Ms. Lovett and seconded by Mr. Davis.
3. **Report of Contracts over \$25,000:** Ms. Izurieta reported on all vendors with contracts over \$25,000 for which WLPCS placed RFP's in FY 2016.
4. **Board President Report:**
 - a. **Faculty Replication Meeting:** Mr. Ejiasa reported on a meeting with faculty regarding replication and their questions and concerns. Ms. Lovett summarized the comments faculty had made and also encouraged board members to review minutes from the meeting. Mr. Davis confirmed that it would be beneficial to include faculty in some way in replication discussions moving forward.
 - b. **Committee Nominations:** Mr. Ejiasa then made a motion to assign Mr. Morgan to the Development Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mara, and passed unanimously.
5. **Head of School Report:**
 - a. **FOCUS Lawsuit:** Ms. Cutts gave a brief update on the lawsuit.

b. Parent Perspective: Mr. Ejiasa introduced a parent, Ms. Lloyd, who spoke at length about her appreciation of Washington Latin and specifically Ms. Cutts, who helped her navigate a very tough situation with her disabled daughter.

6. **Finance Committee**: Mr. Morgan and Ms. Izurieta spoke briefly regarding the finance committee, giving a quick overview of recent financials. They noted the ways in which reports would change next year and also some staffing changes in the business office. Mr. Morgan introduced the Financial Reserves Fund Policy and asked the board to approve it. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve it, Ms. Culver seconded it, and it passed unanimously.
7. **Development Committee**: Ms. Cromwell provided an overview on the gala, noting a net fundraising effort of almost \$370,000. There was some discussion as to the future of the gala, and Ms. Dalal spoke to the importance of revitalizing the development committee more generally.
8. **Academics Committee**: Ms. Economou then introduced the committee's presentation on graduation and college news. She noted that a more comprehensive report would be presented in a few months, incorporating data from WLPCS's Class of 2012, its first class now graduating from college. Ms. Cutts then presented information about the school's philosophy on college matriculation and persistence, its graduation rate and details, scholarship money earned, and the list of college applications, acceptances, and matriculations.
9. **Transition Committee**: Ms. Lovett updated the board on Mr. Anderson's recent visits to campus and noted that he would be officially starting on July 6th. Mr. Davis announced that he would be scheduling individual conversations with each board member before the next meeting which would likely be in early August. There was some discussion as to preferred dates and retreats, and Mr. Davis the conversation by saying he would share a solidified schedule shortly.
10. **Governance Committee**: Mr. Mara reminded board members of the upcoming openings on the board and encouraged people to refer high-quality, diverse candidates.
11. **Motion to adjourn**: Mr. Ejiasa thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:40, inviting them to a dinner and reception downstairs to celebrate Ms. Cutts' final board meeting.