



WASHINGTON LATIN
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Board of Governors Meeting
Washington Latin Public Charter School
5200 2nd Street, NW Washington, DC
Thursday, September 26, 2019
6:15PM

Governors Present: C. Wilkinson, T. Morgan, L. Ballenger, B. Caldwell, C. Culver
A. Lovett, and H. Rawlings

Governors Participating Via Phone: A. Graham, C. McGurn, and P. Mara

Regrets: R. Dalal, G. Matthews

Head of School: Peter T. Anderson

Guests:

- Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal
- Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development and Communications
- Yinnie Tse, WLPCS Director of Finance
- J. Kearney Shanahan, Shanahan Law Firm LLC

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.
2. **Housekeeping:** Mr. Wilkinson thanked the committees that have started meeting this school year and asks that all committees work on setting goals after this board meeting.
3. **Head of School Report:** Mr. Anderson shared a revised copy of the discipline policy and highlighted how some items are no longer subject to suspension and some items that used to be out-of-school suspension have been moved to in-school-suspension.

DECISION 19-09-01: The Board approved the revised Discipline Policy for SY 2019-2020.

Mr. Anderson reviewed how the credit recovery policy and returning student policy (former Washington Latin students who left for another school and wished to return).

DECISION 19-09-02: The Board approved the revised Credit Recovery Policy and the Returning Student Policy for SY 2019-2020.

Mr. Anderson shared a summary about the Transparency Bill and Ms. Cromwell walked through the details of what is being proposed as well as potential impact on Washington Latin. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Cromwell answered questions from the Board.

4. **End the List Campaign:** Mr. Wilkinson, Ms. Dalal, and Mr. Caldwell attended a lunch where Washington Latin was invited to attend the November 14 call-to-action event in a supporting role. The ask was discussed and voted upon by the board.

DECISION 19-09-03: The Board approved WLPCS support role at the November 14 End the List event.

5. **Development Committee:** Mr. Caldwell shared the updated development goal of \$10M given the cost of real estate in DC. Ms. Cromwell reviewed the calculations and highlighted that this is an ambitious goal. Mr. Caldwell brought up the concern of resourcing and Mr. Rawlings noted the need for board members to take on more responsibilities for fundraising.
6. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Morgan reported that the bond application to give us the ability to issue tax-exempt bonds will be for \$14.5M which will cover the refinancing of the loan for our current building and the gym. We will return to the market later to finance Latin B. The Finance Office is working on a more detailed timeline to share with the board.
7. **Governance Committee:** Ms. Graham shared that there are several promising board candidates, and some may be invited to the October board meeting. The Committee is also planning the agenda for the November retreat.
8. **Growth:** Mr. Anderson briefly reviewed the proposed growth milestones as well as the roles and responsibilities of the board, staff members, and other stakeholders in the RACI framework.
9. **Executive Meeting:** Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the all meeting at 8:00 PM and moved to the Executive Meeting.