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Board of Governors Meeting
Washington Latin Public Charter School
Via UberConference
Thursday, May 28, 2020
6:05PM

Governors Present: C. Wilkinson, R. Dalal, T. Morgan, A.E Lovett, B. Caldwell, C. McGurn, H. Rawlings, L. Ballenger, A. Graham, P. Mara, K. Merritt, C. Culver, K. Osagie, and L. Rucker

Head of School: Peter T. Anderson

Guests:

- Diana Smith, WLPCS Principal
- Kate Cromwell, WLPCS Director of Development and Communication
- Yinnie Tse, WLPCS Director of Finance
- James Kelly, WLPCS Director of Middle School
- Caroline Gifford, WLPCS Curriculum Specialist
- Eman Abdur-Rahman, Business Office Associate/Executive Assistant to Head of School
- Tom Porter, Facilities Consultant
- Michelle Learner, Board Member Prospect
- Noah Marble, Board Member Prospect

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Mr. Wilkinson recognized and thanked the staff for maintaining standards of excellence, despite the challenges of the moment. He also thanked committee chairs for their diligence.
2. **Updates:** Ms. Smith updated the Board that the graduation location had fallen-through, and that the leadership would secure an alternate site. She also shared the summer school plan.

Mr. Anderson touched on reopening efforts and shared the City's plan to gain feedback to facilitate an aligned response.

3. **Finance Committee:** Mr. Morgan highlighted the monthly financials and Ms. Tse affirmed that the school is in a strong financial position.

Mr. Anderson provided an update on UPSFF funding: the mayor has proposed a 3% increase (surpassing expectations). He added that after careful evaluation the school has decided to not accept a PPP loan.

Mr. Morgan briefly reviewed budget parameters and indicated that a full budget would be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

4. **Governance Committee:** Ms. Graham introduced Ms. Learner who briefly shared her background with the Board. Ms. Learner fielded a few questions from Board members.

Then, Ms. Graham introduced Mr. Marble who also discussed his background and indicated how his professional experience could benefit the school.

Ms. Graham encouraged Board members to reach out via email with additional questions for board prospects. She then thanked Ms. Learner and Mr. Marble for joining the meeting.

5. **Growth Discussion Committee:** Mr. Anderson reminded the Board members of the reasons for pursuing growth and reviewed the organizational commitments to grow responsibly.

Mr. Anderson then reviewed the growth timeline and the leadership's current recommendation to delay growth, given the current pandemic and other concerns. A spirited discussion ensued. Ms. Smith and Mr. Kelly also shared their perspectives.

Mr. Porter provided a brief update about facilities options, including viable possibilities for both temporary and permanent space.

6. **Consent Agenda:** Mr. Anderson indicated that he would present consent agenda items for review and vote at the next meeting

7. **Adjournment:** Mr. Wilkinson adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.