



**Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of Citizens of the World Kansas City**

**Location:** Conference Call

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**Date:** Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 5:00pm

**Proposed Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Mr. Littrell called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Littrell welcomed the members of the public in attendance and gave an overview of the meeting order.

2. Roll Call by Board Chair

Present:

Mr. Jacob Littrell (via phone)  
Mr. Jim MacDonald (via phone)  
Mr. Miguel Meneses (via phone)  
Dr. Joy Vann-Hamilton (via phone)  
Mrs. Johna Sutton (via phone)

Absent:

Mr. Luke Norris  
Mr. Joe Richmond  
Ms. Maria Salcedo  
Mr. Anthony Sealey

Mr. Littrell determined that with 5 of 9 Board Members present, a quorum is established for purposes of holding the meeting and voting.

3. Review & Consideration of Proposed Agenda

Mr. Meneses moved to approve the agenda as proposed; Mrs. Sutton provided a second to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

#### 4. Public Comments

Mr. Norris invited public comment. No public comment was made.

#### 5. Review & Consideration of modifying the 2018-2019 Academic Year Calendar

Dr. Droege presented a modification to the 2018-2019 Academic Year Calendar, specifically changing the Student-Led Conference week (currently 4 half-days Tuesday-Friday) to regular school days Tuesday-Thursday (and hosting conferences after school) and no school Friday (and hosting conferences that day).

She shared that there are some negative impacts to our ability to roll out conferences. This new approach maintains our commitment keep the "student-led" structure of the conferences, it solves the stress on teachers, allows specials teachers to push-in to various conferences, alleviates a major burden on our after school staff (expanding their work hours significantly), and prioritizes consistency of instructional time during the week. Additionally, it should allow us to "bake in" an additional snow day by putting additional minutes on the calendar. Grade-level lead teachers championed this change and when presented to the whole faculty, they responded overwhelmingly positively. Additionally, the after-school team is solidly on board. Dr. Droege and Mr. Johnson would like to push out communication to families tomorrow so everyone can begin scheduling.

Mr. Brennan has researched this change by connecting with both DESE and or Sponsor. Neither had any pushback; our sponsor simply needs formal Board approval and DESE needs accurate end-of-year reporting, but nothing in advance.

Dr. Vann-Hamilton asked if this new structure be the norm moving forward? Dr. Droege answered affirmatively – the 2019-2020 proposed calendar will reflect this new structure, but with the caveat that if we try it and it doesn't work, we have latitude to re-present a "fix."

Mrs. Sutton asked to clarify the big difference. Dr. Droege responded that the old calendar was 4 half-days of school in morning with half-days of conferences in the afternoon (Tues-Fri). This was an attempt to help families with transportation challenges. The new calendar is Monday-Thursday full days with no school (as a conference day only) on Friday. This does allow for after school conference slots Tuesday-Thursday.

Dr. Vann-Hamilton spoke in favor of the proposal and Mr. MacDonald said he believed it would be well-received by families.

Mr. MacDonald moved to approve the agenda as proposed; Dr. Vann-Hamilton provided a second to the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

#### 6. Adjourn

Mr. Meneses moved to adjourn and Dr. Vann-Hamilton provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

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