



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

Location: CWC Kansas City Primary Grades Campus
3435 Broadway Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64111

Date: Monday, April 1st, 2019, 5:00pm

Proposed Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mr. Norris called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call by Board Chair

Present:

Mr. Jacob Littrell
Mr. Miguel Meneses
Mr. Luke Norris
Ms. Maria Salcedo (via phone, then in person 5:11pm)
Mr. Anthony Sealey
Mrs. Johna Sutton
Dr. Joy Vann-Hamilton

Absent:

Mr. Jim MacDonald

Mr. Norris determined that with 7 of 8 Board Members present, a quorum is established for purposes of holding the meeting and voting.

3. Review & Consideration of Proposed Agenda

Dr. Vann-Hamilton moved to approve the agenda as modified; Mr. Sealey 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. Presentation from Bellwether Education Partners

Mr. Norris introduced those in the room: Mr. Greenwood (EdOps) and Ms. Rodriguez (CWCS). The Board introduced themselves; presenters from Bellwether Education Partners (Mrs. Rouse and Mrs. Goldberg) also gave introductions.

Mr. Norris gave an overview of the Board's engagement with Bellwether. The Board originally engaged with SchoolSmartKC to financially support the school's growth processes; SchoolSmartKC responded positively, but said part of their grant would be conditional on an operational review. They recommended Bellwether Education Partners for this review and we engaged them. SchoolSmartKC has continued to be in partnership and engaged with this entire process.

Mrs. Rouse walked through her PowerPoint presentation. Those slides and discussion points can be referenced in the public board packet.

Of note, on slide 24, Mr. Norris called out that Académie Lafayette and Citizens are the only schools with positive trend lines of year-over-year increasing enrollment.

Mr. Norris stepped out of the meeting at 6:04pm, but continued to participate via phone.

Mr. Norris asked a specific 6th grade question regarding the number of potential 6th graders in the KCPS (district+charter) broad system. Mrs. Rouse referenced an appendix slide showing that KCPS' cohort size from 6th – 12th decreases quite sharply. The Bellwether team's thought was that to enroll 6th graders will require hyper-targeted outreach/marketing to 5th grade. They do not see a clear place to find 5th graders. Secondly, Bellwether's impression was that "those who were going to switch have already applied – moving forward, go win students one-by-one."

Additionally, Bellwether does not recommend providing broad transportation at this time because the school is currently achieving an authentic, diverse environment. However, they recommended the school keep strong tabs on rising Kindergarten applicants to ensure that racial and socioeconomic demographics do not begin skewing, thus creating barriers to a diverse student body that providing transportation may alleviate.

Lastly, Mrs. Rouse underscored the vital importance to "protect and maintain CWC's strong student experience [in relation to school leadership]."

6. Closed Session

Pursuant to § 610.021 (3) RSMo, the Board of Directors of CWC Kansas City will enter into closed session to discuss matters related to personnel.

Mr. Littrell did not invite any members of the public to join.

Mr. Sealey moved to go into Closed Session and Ms. Salcedo provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining.

7. Return from Closed Session; report on any action taken as required.

Mr. Littrell reported that the Board came out of Closed Session and returned to Open Session. He reported that all matters discussed related to personnel. No action was taken that requires reporting.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Salcedo moved to adjourn and Mr. Meneses provided a second. The motion was unanimously approved with none abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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