



Minutes of the Directors' Meeting
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL
October 4, 2022
Start Time: 5:04 PM End Time: 6:10 PM
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Directors Present – Video Call - Debra Logan-Rabb, LaToya Pratt, Patrick Barth, Cyril Moulle-Berteaux, Chris Shumway

Staff Present - Video Call- Kevin Fischer, Shantay Primus, Monica Rios

Others – Video Call – Donna Webster, Vikas Kaushal, Dr. Denniston Reid, Dr. Charlene Reid

Board Chair, Debra Logan-Rabb, called the meeting to order.

1. Principal's Report: Kevin Fisher discussed the following topics:

I. Start of the 2022 School Year

- a. This year school has Pre-k through 8th grade for the first time.
- b. We are establishing school culture and pride.
- c. New specials:
 - i. Art Teacher
 - ii. Business Teacher
 - iii. Theatre Teacher
- d. Curriculum instructions began on September 14th
- e. Grade Team meetings and common prep are happening on regular basis.
- f. High School placement process and applications are underway.

II. Kevin shared the 2022 SBAC state testing results:

- a. ELA – 77.7%. SCSE as a district ranked 10th in the state. As a school ranked 65th in the state.
- b. Mathematics – 76.5%. SCSE as a district ranked 4th in the state. As a school ranked 51st in the state.
- c. Science (5th Grade) – 75%.

III. Accolades and Recognition

- a. USNEWS and World Report
<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/connecticut/stamford-charter-school-for-excellence-227887>
- b. Connecticut's Best Elementary School Rankings
<https://patch.com/connecticut/across-ct/connecticuts-best-elementary-schools-new-rankings-released>
- c. Stamford Charter School for Excellence on Niche
<https://www.niche.com/k12/stamford-charter-school-for-excellence-stamford-ct/>

IV. 2022-2023 School Enrollment

- a. Elementary School
 - i. 353 scholars in grades Pre-K through 4th Grade

- b. Middle School
 - i. 209 scholars in grades 5th through 8th Grade
- c. Total Enrollment
 - i. 562 total scholars (Fully Enrolled)

V. Staffing Update 2022

- a. 13 new staff members started this year amongst various grades
- b. Five staff members left the school in 2022
- c. Staff Vacancies:
 - i. 8th Grade STEM Teacher
 - ii. 2 Special Education Teachers
 - iii. 1 Learning Specialist
 - iv. School Social Worker
 - v. Office Assistant
 - vi. 2 Para-Professionals

VI. On the Horizon:

- a. After School Girls Club for Middle School
- b. Student Council
- c. Pep Rally and celebrations of scholars
- d. Looking to incorporate field trips into our instructional model
- e. Installed new Fiber Glass backboards in the gym
- f. Looking into starting sports teams this year with MS scholars (Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball etc)

VII. Upcoming Events:

- a. Stamford Excellence Parent Association Meeting October 4th
- b. Columbus Day October 10th
- c. Curriculum Night October 13th
- d. Picture Day, end of October
- e. Harvest Day Celebration, October 31st
- f. Election Day November 8th, Professional Development

2. Operations and Construction Update: Monica Rios discussed the following topics:

I. Operations Update:

- a. There was a fire incident on the side of the building last Thursday. Someone set the garbage containers on fire at night. Everyone is fine. Local police was informed and they came for investigation.

II. Construction Update:

- a. Owners Rep: VVA Project and Cost Managers
- b. Architect: CPG Architects
- c. GC: Pavirini North East Constructions Co.
- d. Next Steps:
 - i. Permits
 - ii. Demolition
- e. Project Timeline: 38 weeks
- f. Temporary Building Modularity: Already sourced waiting for permits

3. A MOTION to accept the resignation of Olympia Della Flora was made and unanimously approved.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes, Directors' Meeting June 14, 2022: Minutes were approved.

5. Financial Report:

a. Donna Webster presented the August 2022 YTD financials which were distributed to the Board in advance and discussed in detail at the finance committee call.

- i. Total revenue for 2022-2023 is projected to be \$7,278K
- ii. Total expenditures for 2022-2023 are expected to be at \$7,630K excluding depreciation.

b. The Convent construction project:

- i. Total project is estimated at \$3.5 million. \$2 million will be sourced from loan from Charter School Growth Fund.
- ii. Terms of Loan:
 1. Loan Amount - \$2,000,000
 2. No. of Years – 5
 3. Interest Rate – 3%
 4. Amortization – 5 Years

6. A MOTION to approve the CSGF Loan Agreement and adoption of the Board Resolution “To receive CSGF Improvement Loan” was made and unanimously approved.

7. Public Comments:

No public comments.

The Meeting was adjourned.