

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2017

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Members Participating in Person: Colette Edson, Demetrius Grooms, Constance Gully, James Hill, Jackie Jones, and Shirleas Washington

De La Salle, Inc. Board Members Participating Telephonically: None

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Member Absent: Kim Perry

Other Participants: LaShanda Boone, Amber Cline, Amanda Henry, Jennifer Tyndall, and Sherida Williams (*La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.*), Melissa Brickey, Mike Hall, Christine Holladay, and Annie Oliverio, (*De La Salle, Inc. Staff*), Ryan Hawkins and Chuck Kretschmer (*De La Salle, Inc. Board*) Gerry Kettenbach (*University of Missouri - Charter Operations*), Shannon Spradling (*Accounting Consultant*), and Chris Hinckley

I. Call to Order

Mr. Grooms acted as chair (the "Chair") of the meeting. Notice of the meeting having duly been given and a quorum being present, the Chair convened the meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. ("La Salle") at approximately 4:40 p.m. Central Time at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63106.

II. Mission Moment

Ms. Tyndall shared stories of her summer visits with students and families through the HOMEWORKS program. All staff members at De La Salle and La Salle participated in the program, in which they visited all students and their families over the summer, to begin building relationships and to establish mutual expectations for the school year.

III. General Board Business

The floor was opened for the open comments portion of the meeting, which takes place in the first fifteen minutes of each Board meeting. No questions were asked, nor were any comments made, during this period.

Proposed minutes from the meetings of the Board held on June 14, 2017 and July 26, 2017 were presented for approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved these minutes, as presented.

Mr. Grooms introduced Mr. Hinckley, noting that he had met with a few members of the Board as a prospect. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board nominated and elected Mr. Hinckley to the Board.

IV. School Update

Ms. Boone presented revisions made to the La Salle Parent-Student Handbook, which had been uploaded into Epicenter in advance of the meeting for review. Edits were made to the following sections: Regular Home/School Communication, School Notification System, Inclement Weather, Consequences for Tardy Students, Limited Access Policy, Uniform Policy, Technology Use Policy, and Bullying. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved all revisions, as presented.

Ms. Boone shared a report from the first two weeks of school. She shared that the emphasis of the first two weeks has been on learning processes, procedures, policies and expectations for both students and staff members.

V. Financial Update

Mr. Grooms presented the check register, bank statement and financial statements of La Salle for June and July 2017. Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved these documents, as presented.

Ms. Brickey stated that Ms. Boone should be added as the signer to the La Salle bank account, and also as the main approver of contracts and invoices for La Salle. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved Ms. Boone to be added as a signer on the La Salle bank account and as the main approver of contracts and invoices.

Ms. Boone spoke about the areas of need for budget revision: Platform for Behavior Management, science curriculum, Algebra I courses, transportation, coaching opportunities for teachers, and a coordinator of culture, totaling \$175,000 for all areas. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved a \$175,000 revision to the budget, and asked that Ms. Henry make an official request to De La Salle for the entire \$175,000 when raised.

VI. Executive Director Report, De La Salle, Inc.

Ms. Brickey shared the goals for 2017-2018 for herself and De La Salle: completing the capital campaign, exceeding the operating fundraising goal, strengthening existing and establishing new partnerships, and completing strategic planning. She shared her Board dashboard with the group, that she will update and send out monthly to give the Board a high level update on areas of strength and areas where more focus is needed for success.

Ms. Holladay shared a graduate support update, sharing 2016-2017 results for the program for graduates of De La Salle Middle School and La Salle Charter Schools: 97% high school graduation rate, 86% acceptance rate into post-secondary, 95% persistence rate working toward a degree, and a 94% of those graduates either still persisting, or have graduated from post-secondary.

VII. Closed Session

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to go into closed session at approximately 6:10 p.m., as authorized by RSMo. Section 610.021.3, and a roll call vote of the members of the Board was taken.

Upon the affirmative vote of Dr. Edson, Mr. Grooms, Ms. Gully, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hinckley, Ms. Jones and Dr. Washington – with no votes in opposition – a closed session of the Board began.

Minutes of the closed session of the Board are maintained in a separate document.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Demetrius Grooms, Chair



Jacquelyn A. Jones, Secretary