

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.

Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2018

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Members Participating in Person: Demetrius Grooms, Collette Edson, Kim Perry, Constance Gully, Shirleas Washington, James Hill, Adam Smith, and Chris Hinckley

De La Salle, Inc. Board Members Participating Telephonically: N/A

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Member Absent: N/A

Other Participants: LaShanda Boone, Azalia Carter, Muriel Smith, and Alicia Cunningham

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**I. Opening Items**

- a. Call to Order - Notice of the meeting having duly been given and a quorum being present the Chair, Mr. Grooms, convened the meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. ("La Salle") at approximately 4:35 p.m. Central Time at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63106.
- b. Adoption of Agenda – Adopted w/ addition of gift in memory of Susan Turner.

**II. General Board Business**

- a. Open Comments – Introduction of Alicia Cunningham, Counselor
- b. Public Recognition - Introduction of Alicia Cunningham, Counselor
- c. Mission Moment – Alicia Cunningham was introduced. She spoke of her background, how she became acquainted with LaSalle, her efforts, and accomplishments.

**III. New Business**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from July - Proposed minutes from the meetings of the Board held on July 22, 2018 were presented for approval. Reference to Mr. Grooms of acting Chair was amended to read "Board Chair". Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved and adopted these minutes, as amended.
- b. July financials – See VI. *Financial Report/Update*

**Susan Turner** – Her recent passing and her contributions to DeLaSalle and the LaSalle Schools, passed away actively involved were announced and discussed. Honoring her, a tree planting on the LaSalle School grounds was suggested.

- c. Governance Update - Ms. Edson discussed meeting obligations and how to achieve. Ms. Edson raised and discussed accountability, structure of board meetings, committee structure, per the Charter.

Ms. Edson further discussed the common mission of LaSalle and DeLaSalle moving forward, recognizing both boards and roles in Charter accountability to State and sponsor. She also discussed and answered questions regarding committee structure and roles.

- d. Charter Renewal Task Force – (Ms. Edson) moving forward, Board meeting agenda will include, under Old Business, a section entitled Charter Renewal Process, during which the Board will raise and discuss progress on Charter renewal goals.

Note – Recommendation to add topic “Committee Business” to the September Joint Board Meeting agenda.

#### **IV. Old Business/Updates**

- a. Status of New Board member – Mr. Adam Smith attended first meeting as Board member.
- b. Ms. Muriel Smith updated the Board on efforts to meet with the members of each board and the staff of DeLasalle. She updated the Board on the effort to fill current vacancies, including Director of Advancement, Advancement Coordinator, and Assistant Director of Advancement, Director of Encompass, and Enrichment Director. Mike Hall was identified as the Director of Mission and Operations.

#### **V. Head of School Update**

- a. Dashboard – Accountability Plan: Ms. Lashanda Boone Ms. Boone updated the Board on the following topics:
  - i. McKinney Vento students
  - ii. Back to school night - Bookbags/school supplies donations for all the kid.
  - iii. Disciplines
  - iv. Achievement data (next board meeting)
  - v. Current enrollment (126 – 7 pending. Closed but looking at one more student look (8 total)
  - vi. Dean of Students (Ms. Morehead) plan on reducing suspensions
  - vii. Professional Development: Retreat, Expectations, Norms, Training – Tyler, Curriculum, Cultural Development, Bell to Bell, teacher lesson plans, Home room advisory, walk-throughs – standards for each, Immediate feedback – Mosaic, New – Students create their agendas, Teachers – Monthly newsletters to parents per grade level, Teachers – Own behavior management plan, Intervention – Mobymax, and Teacher Mentors – Experience Based in house and with Harris Stowe

#### **VI. Financial Report/Budget**

- a. Mr. Hill presented the check registers, bank statements and financial statements of La Salle for July 2018. Following a discussion and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved these documents, as presented.
- b. Mr. Hill raised and discussed the budget.

**VII. Development/Encompass Update**

Ms. Muriel Smith discussed efforts to fill vacant positions (Dir of Advancement and Advancement Coordinator); Grant submissions with consultant updates and applications, Encompass (fully staffed), Grad support – update on tuition support, 8<sup>th</sup> graders beginning discussion planning shadow visits, Holiday event for Grads to come back – meet 8<sup>th</sup> graders

September 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Albans Golf Tournament

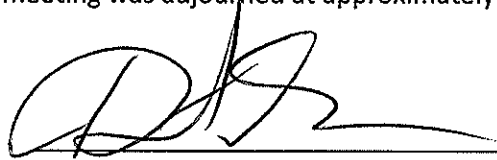
**VIII. Closed Session**

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to go into closed session, 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 Mr. Grooms, Ms. Edson, Mr. Hill, Ms. Perry, Ms. Gully, Ms. Washington, Ms. Washington, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Hinckley, with no votes in opposition – a closed session of the Board began.

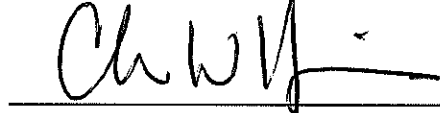
Minutes of the closed session of the Board are maintained in a separate document.

**IX. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.



Demetrius Grooms, Chair



Christopher W. Hinckley, Secretary

