

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.

Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2018

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

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

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Member Absent: Adam Smith

Other Participants: LaShanda Boone and Muriel Smith

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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 4:43 p.m. Central Time at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63106.
- b. Adoption of Agenda - Proposed Agenda for October Meeting presented for approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved and adopted these minutes.

**II. General Board Business**

- a. Open Comments  
Chairman Grooms made opening comments.
- b. Mission Moment - Brooke Bolden (Intervenionist)  
Ms. Bolden introduced herself, discussed her background, and presented her plans related to her position Intro

**III. New Business**

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from September - Proposed minutes from the meetings of the Board held on were presented for approval. Correction to the presence of Mr. hall were added and amended minutes were adopted, with corrections to be submitted at a later date.
- b. Sept financials – Approved
- c. 2017-2018 Audit

Brian Wuertz of KEB presented the Audit reports. He explained the audit approach and assessment, the standards used, risk assessment, procedures, and findings of no material findings. Further, as to internal controls there were no noted weaknesses. Regarding the financial statements, there were no adjustments, no disagreements with management, and supplementary information was reconciled w/out audit

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

Dr. Edson reviewed the charter renewal process covering, gathering artifacts (educational and operational), an enrollment plan (pending), classroom number, policy handbook

Chairman Grooms re-capped his meeting with the law firm, Tueth Keeney.

Dr. Edson raised and discussed the Renewal Application

- Grades 6-8
- 5-8 on table
- K-8 not on table.

The merits of moving to a grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> middle school were discussed by board members, with an agreement to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

#### **V. Development / Encompass**

- a. Jericha Franks (Advancement Coordinator)

After introductions Ms. Franks discussed grants, donations, the LaSalle News letter

Chairman Grooms raised the issue of the School's website. Ms. Smith provided an update on her efforts in this area.

McFarland Duncan (Director of Advancement)

After an introduction, Mr. Duncan discussed his approach and plans for his position, covering communication strategies (LS and DLS in Advancement Dept.), assessment of current efforts, fundraising strategy & numbers, the grants calendar, and the date for the Gala.

- b. Director of EnCompass, Tarri Strickland, provided updates on the students, college applications and visit help, One on One reviews, progress of 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, access to student grades and progress, and interventionists & tutoring.
- c. An evaluation of current and future electives was raised and discussed.

**VI. Head of School Update**

Ms. Boone provided a Dash Board update, including enrollment, 90-90, and an accountability plan.

Ms. Boone informed the Board of hire Trevor Gaylor, as a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studied teacher.

**VII. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.



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Demetrius Grooms, Chair



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Christopher W. Hinckley, Secretary