Community Charter School of Cambridge
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, March 5, 2025 6:00PM – 8PM

Present: (all remote) Farhan Altaf, Uche Amaechi (Chair), Bill Brosseau (non-voting), Courtney Burns, Elon Fyfield, José Juves, Laurie McIntosh, Becki Norris (non-voting HoS), Kathy Ofsthun, Christy Rose, Alex Saltonstall, Kim Scheltz, Rob Shapiro, Emma Stellman, Myra Washington Forrester

Absent: Cindy Link, Christy Felix

Ex officios: (all remote) Becki Norris, Bill Brosseau

Location: Remote meeting via Zoom

Agenda

1. **Check-In**
    - Meeting commenced at 6:17PM; sharing of positive events from the past week.

2. **Approval of February Minutes**
    - Uche made a motion to approve February minutes with a date correction.
    - Motion unanimously approved.

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Farhan Altaf	Yes	Laurie McIntosh	Yes
Courtney Burns	Yes	Kathy Ofsthun	Yes
Christy Felix	absent	Alex Saltonstall	Yes
Myra Washington Forrester	Yes	Kim Scheltz	Yes
Elon Fyfield	Yes	Rob Shapiro	Yes
José Juves	Yes	Emma Stellman	Yes

3. **Head of School Update**
    - Highlights provided from a document: HoS Update.
    - CCSC’s charter was renewed for 5 years without conditions.

- Students accepted early decision with scholarships at Northeastern.
- High yield from lottery for prospective students.
- Efforts to reduce attrition by engaging with families of 8th graders.
- Naatuere Ajanaku, a finalist for Principal, previously Assistant Principal at CCSC.
- Sponsorship for CCSC events encouraged by Board.
- Acknowledgment of Ramadan and continued MCAS requirement discussion.

4. **Finance Update**
    - No major updates from January; expenses remain under control, revenue reduced due to Cambridge enrollment.
    - New investment strategy improving income; stable finances overall.

5. **Strategic Goals (VOTE)**
    - April targets for voting on the school's vision and strategic goals.
    - Discussions emphasized ensuring the vision is future-focused, aligned with the mission and values.
    - Laurie McIntosh and Uche discussed the language of the vision, focused on inclusiveness, and the importance of high quality academics.
    - Concerns were discussed regarding board accountability and strategic priorities.
    - Board voted unanimously to accept the strategic goals as originally written.

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6. **Context Check**

- Becki mentioned the protections surrounding federal grants and potential impacts due to the current political climate.
- Discussion highlighted potential impacts on DEI and Title IX as Massachusetts maintains these protections.
- Focus on fundraising efforts and impacts on corporate philanthropy.
- Farhan raised concerns regarding potential anti-charter legislation affecting student enrollment access.
- Becki discussed avenues for advocacy, sharing charter information with the board, and possible involvement in pro-charter policies.

7. **Executive Session/Union Update**
    - Discussion on legislative changes and their potential impact on collective bargaining.
    - Becki expressed concerns regarding the union's stance on charter schools, and communication strategies with staff.
    - Laurie reflected on challenges from anti-charter sentiments and the need to stay ahead of public momentum in education.

8. **Public Comment**
    - None.