

Board Members

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Joe Crawford (Assistant Superintendent, DCSD)	

November 10, 2022

6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Location: Next Charter School w/ virtual option:

Meeting ID

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Phone Numbers

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Minutes

1. Call to Order at 6:06 pm- **Roll Call** all present except for Isobel Graves and Owen Provencher
2. Consent Agenda Items:
 - o Review and vote to approve meeting minutes from [10/13/2022 meeting](#)
 - o Review and approve [Financial Statements](#)

Motion made to approve all Consent Agenda Items made by Jen Lague. Seconded by Beth Carrasquilli.

Motion approved unanimously with Payl Lutz abstaining from approval of the Meeting Minutes vote.

3. Student Representative: Hailey Grenier
 - o Student/Board event planning

Emily introduced Hailey Grenier to the Board as the new Next student representative. Hailey, a senior, is a non-Derry student and was on the waiting list for two years before being offered a spot at Next. Emily reported that Hailey had sent a survey to the Next students asking for the likes, dislikes, or what they would change at Next. Overall students like the availability of teachers and the field trips. Along with discussion about diversity education, there was discussion about free breakfast and lunch for students. Jen Lague suggested that Hailey take on the free breakfast, maybe contact parents to donate items. Joe Crawford reported that there is a move in NH to have districts offer free breakfast and lunch and suggested that Hailey get the Leadership Council to address it further.

There was also discussion about the Board meeting with students. Possibilities were either Coffee with the Board or offer a time before Exhibition Night on December 7 for Board members to come to Next. Hailey will create an invitation for Board members.

4. Directors Report:
 - o Americorps update

Emily Whalen reported on staffing changes. After years of working with Americorps, Next is discontinuing for the remainder of the year. The one staff member we had has resigned. The monies involved for this grant have been re-allocated to create a Title 1 mentor position. We have a candidate who has visited and she is excited to begin. The Title 1 criteria has been adjusted and many of our students meet the criteria for support in different ways.

- o Strategic Planning

The Strategic planning committee met. Joe Crawford asked if Emily could put aside an hour to meet and share with that date/time with members to be involved. Jen Lague added that Nichole Reimer would like to be involved, too. Emily would like to schedule all for after January, or later in the year.

- o Demo equipment from Verkada

Emily showed the board the vaping detector that she is thinking of installing. The cost of the detectors would be

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covered by the ESSR grant. Not only will this system deter suspected vaping, which is against the rules, not to mention illegal in schools, it will show the majority of students at Next who do not vape, that the staff is aware and addressing the situation. Board members Jen Lague, Kirsten Kortz, and Paul Lutz voiced that they would like them in all restrooms. Emily noted that, because this one detector is a loaner, no vote would be needed for purchase at this point, but she wanted Board members to be aware of it.

Emily also updated the Board on a few other things:

- There is currently no PTSA at Next but it is being discussed.
- A Next community Dinner is being planned, with no agenda other than meeting with each other.
- Jen Lague asked about student enrollment numbers at Next. Emily reported 82 enrolled students.
- Emily reported that, released today, Next continues to be a CSI school

5. Committee Updates:

- o Curriculum Committee: **Action Item**

The Committee met briefly, Emily Whalen and Kirsten Kortz. Some parts of the curriculum framework have been updated and Math has been updated to offer flexibility to students in earning credits.

Jen Lague added that she likes the math content, it is common sense math.

Motion made by Kerry Matheson to approve the curriculum framework. Seconded by Jen Lague. Motion approved unanimously.

- o Finance, Policy, Recruitment: Determine a plan of action

Kirsten Kortz reported that the Policy Committee had not met yet.

Jen Lague has spoken with Shannon Hudson and she would be willing to join the Finance Committee.

Jen Lague has spoken with Nichole Reimer and she would like to be on the Recruiting Committee

Kirsten Kortz asked Joe Crawford when to contact the auditors for next year. Per Joe, historically the audit findings are presented at the December meeting, but last year it was January. Emily will contact Jared at Vachon Clukay.

6. Community Input

- o Next welcomes input from attending community members according to our policy found [here](#), and accessible from our website, www.nextcharterschool.org.

7. Non-Public Session

Motion made at 7:22 pm by Jen Lague to enter into a non-public session. Seconded by Kerry Matheson. Motion approved unanimously.



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8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Jen Lague to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Kerry Matheson. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Woodes