

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING
February 17, 2022, 6:30 PM
Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/dqs-baqp-mwz>

1. Call to order – 6:32 p.m.

2. Opening Matters

- Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)
- **Attendance:**
 - **Board Trustees:**
 - Dan Rufo (President – Presiding),
 - Monica Reynolds (Secretary),
 - Elizabeth Falcone (Vice-President);
 - Shawn Glick (Treasurer),
 - Anthony Bragoli,
 - Greg Scott,
 - Greg Queen,
 - Mark Greiner,
 - Sujaya Narahari,
 - Yvan Francois;
 - G. Anne Waskiewicz;
 - Gwendolyn Supplee;
 - ~~Seyi Akinfenwa~~
 - **Administration:**
 - ~~Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli,~~
 - David Cosme, Jr.,
 - Harold Smith;
 - Jordan Miller,
 - Michelle Boyd;
 - Carol Schaeffer;
 - Heather Rinker;
 - Kendra Gruber;
- Opening statements – D.Rufo
 - Process for New Business - please submit public comment to email - publiccomment@rak12.org
 - PCPCS Charter Grant Application – RA intends to submit this application
 - Executive Session last month - Legal Matters and Real Estate
 - **Statement regarding mask policy.** Board intends to discuss potential updates to the mask policy as will be detailed in the committee reports

3. Items to add to new business – None requested

4. Consent Agenda -

i.Approval of Agenda

ii.Review & accept minutes from past meetings

January 20, 2022 - Voting Meeting -

iii. Administration Reports - [Principal Reports](#)

iv. Staff roster by Business Manager

No objections being made, All consent agenda items were accepted/approved/adopted.

5. Public Comment – No emails for public comment and no persons present offered any public comment.

6. Staff or Student Representative – none present

7. Administration Reports -

- High School Principal Report – M.Boyd provided summary. Social and emotional – podcast from PBS program by teens for teens. Celebrating Black History Month. MSU put together program on the theme of musicians and rivalries and allowing students to take sides and discuss. Fun Fridays are continuing hosted by Academy Counsel – again focused on music and Black History Month. Knights to Work finishing up resumes and hopefully securing internships. Next month will be having information night for 8th graders and upcoming at end of March is course selection.
- Middle School Principal Report – H.Rinker provided summary. Ms. Rinker Emcee'd the “Be the Change” program today – and did a fantastic job. It was well received by students. Follow up activities planned to further discussions held today. Common theme was that the students were all dealing with similar issues and understanding others responses to us comes from what they are dealing with. Good number of students offered personal views, gratitude's and apologies for how they may have acted and not meeting core values in interacting with others. Avedium club doing breakfast music on Mondays. First in person grade level meetings for 7th and 8th grades. Middle school reviewing MAP data to prepare for PSSA's. 7th and 8th grade dances will resume – students excited for that in March. Planning for rising 7th grade information night, assisting with scheduling.
- Elementary School Principal Report – K.Gruber provided summary. Therapy dogs have returned bringing lots of joy to the hallways. Social emotional health: we are continuing the weekly focus on color rules and social emotional lessons through camp tender timber are still accessible and social skills resources have been provided by the special education department. Academy Council supported decorated bulletin, boards for Black History Month. Throughout Black History Month, we have daily inspiration and which focuses on a different African-American figure and students can learn more about and watch a short video clip one and a book that is associated with them. In January we supported the African library project with a book drive and in the four days that we were back in person before the book drive ended, we collected 523 books. February's core value is compassion - students will create cards and drawings for seniors in an advanced living facility out in Lansdale. We also started “Be Kind” club, being led by Miss Holdsworth where fourth grade students are working together and identifying ways that they can improve the culture in our school. We are looking forward to upcoming elementary equity inequality meetings, to review survey results,

and determine how to better support the teachers, and staff, as a whole, and providing resources to share with their students.

- Deans of Students – H. Smith & J. Miller. H.Smith provided brief summary for himself and 82% did not receive one referral for the month of January. Jordan Miller went through CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training to be able to prepare for reduce crisis situations and how to work with intervention and crisis in situation and to be able to training other staff and admin to de-escalate situations in a proactive way and then one small part of it is in case you have to how to safely deescalate a student through restraint as a last resort.
- CEO Report – G.Guarino-Buli provided summary. [February 2022 CEO](#)
 - Discussion was held with respect to potential updates to Health and Safety plan with respect to masking.

8. Committees Meeting updates – Committee Chairs

- Development Committee – M.Grenier provided summary. Proposed 2022-2023 school calendar reviewed/discussed. [school-calendar-2022-2023-proposed.pdf](#)- Motion to approve proposed 2022-2023 school calendar made by E.Falcone, 2nd – S.Narahari. All in favor & none opposed. Motion carries. **The 2022-2023 school calendar is APPROVED.**
- Curriculum & Achievement – D.Rufo provided a summary. ELA department presented a phonics plan called Foundations, which would be potentially adopted for K through 3rd grade. There would also be a supplemental program for students who may be struggling or are one level behind one grade level behind based on their map data and previous second grade assessments.
- HR Committee – E.Falcone provided summary. Intended updates to Health and Safety plan and tuition reimbursement program.
- Finance Committee – S.Glick provided summary. The forecasted financial position is tracking better than what was budgeted primarily due to increasing grants and higher PDE 363 rates. We also were able to cut some special ed transportation costs due to the use of the van we purchased.
 - Review of the 2021 403B Employer Match and short discussion held - Motion to approve the 2021 403B Employer Match made by S.Glick, 2nd - _Y.Francois. All in favor & none opposed. Motion carries. **The 2021 403B Employer Match is APPROVED.**
- Strategic Planning Committee – [Report](#) Y.Francois provided summary about last meeting and focus on communication aspect of strategic plan and the focus on RA's unique culture.
- Legislative Committee – G.Queen provided summary. quick meeting this past month, it was a very packed house, there's just an and I so we broke down some responsibilities and things that we're working on doing a little bit of research and do some anti-charter organizations and still working on getting any town hall, set up in conjunction with A few politicians on a Norristown so we've reached out to them and kind of going back and forth communications got a little cold but we are still working to have a local politician town hall at Renaissance Fun Weekend.
- Equality & Equity – G.Supplee provided summary.
 - Review of Proposed [Addendum to Student Handbook Dress Code](#)- to be effective Feb. 28, 2022 - Motion to adopt and approve the proposed addendum to the Student

Handbook regarding dress code made by D.Rufo, 2nd - G.Supplee. All in favor & none opposed. Motion carries. **The addendum to the Student Handbook regarding dress code is ADOPTED and APPROVED.** M.Boyd to provide specific language amendments for handbook.

- Business Manager's Report – C.Schaeffer – Reports in Board Drive.

9. Policy Reviews/Resolutions - none

10. New Business – 1st Reading -updated [Vaccination policy](#)

11. Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by D.Rufo; Seconded by E.Falcone. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes. **The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:36 p.m.**

12. Executive Session - Discussion of Real Estate Matters



Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary