



HSCS Meeting MINUTES

Date November 18, 2021
5:00 pm
Howard Street Charter School



Board Present: Jared Whintey Erik Davis Kelby Childers Leslie Savage Jenny Hoelter QUORUM ACHIEVED – *phone in	Board Absent:	Guests: Christina Tracy
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Session started 17:10 early start due to winter concert.

Approval of Minutes from last month: Eric moved to approve minutes seconded by Leslie

Principal's Report:

Everyone felt like Staff Board retreat went well. Parent Teacher student led conferences next week, 12 hour day on Monday then transition into Winter. Some things are different this year, no movie and no choir at the Capital. HSCS does have some other things on the docket including some upcoming community service programs that will also include some alumni. One focus will be art installations for some new housing for downtown Salem. More discussion on behaviors that are occurring specifically in the 7th grade class.

Upcoming Charter discussion.

Board Voted to send letter to District requesting renewal of charter

Admissions Committee: No new business. But did talk about need to amend language

regarding older siblings of new students and how that works for admissions. Reminder that applications will go out in January. Board agreed to continue with last year practice of accepting electronic applications.

Facilities: problem with soap dispensers discussed. Talk of continuing to deal with a few issues that Rich Duncan is aware of and we are waiting on the final resolution.

New Business: Discussion on new board members. Everyone agreed that we need to keep our ears open and look for potential members to join the group.

Discussion on how the board staff retreat went. Jenny brought up a wish list that maybe the staff could come up with and we could try to make happen. Christina mentioned that she is working on improving the acoustics in the downstairs room. Discussion on ways that we can help our teachers and help to improve staff retention and longevity. The plan is to figure out how we can adjust the pay scale once we know what the charter looks like and the total cost of the operation of the building.

Concert this evening. Christina talked about how we were able to give music lessons over the summer and that the 6th graders have benefited greatly.

Meeting adjourned 17:52