



HSCS Meeting MINUTES

Date January 20, 2022

6:00 pm

Howard Street Charter School



<p>Board Present: Jared Whintey Erik Davis Kelby Childers Leslie Savage Jenny Hoelter</p> <p>QUORUM ACHIEVED –</p> <p>*phone in</p>	<p>Board Absent:</p>	<p>Guests: Christina Tracy Robert Salberg Christina and Ivan Vejar</p>
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Session started at 18:00 called to order by Kelby

Guest Introduction: Christina and Ivan Vejar are joining the board meeting today to discuss their daughter Zadié and her struggles with PANDAS/PANS that are making it difficult to continue her enrollment at HSCS for the immediate future. They outlined the basics of PANDAS and how it is effecting Zadié’s abilities to stay at the school in a traditional sense. They are working on getting a medical letter that will allow Zadié to receive homebound services. This would require her to go to Edge and un-enroll from HSCS. The family has asked that we hold her place at HSCS so that she can return to in person learning at the start of her 7th grade year.

Discussion ensued on what the best way would be to accomplish this and stay within the guidelines concerning admissions. Christina Tracy stated that she had spoken with staff and they felt like it was appropriate to allow Zadié to unenroll from HSCS for the remainder of 6th grade and that her spot would be held until the beginning of 7th grade at which time we can evaluate her current health concerns and hopefully she will be in a place where she can return to HSCS full time.

A motion was made by Erik to allow Zadié to un-enroll from HSCS and maintain her spot until 7th grade. Discussion ensued and Leslie wanted to amend the motion to include

the ability to evaluate Zadié's needs prior to re-enrollment. Leslie then seconded the current motion. Passed unanimously by the board. Ivan and Christina thanked us for our time and commitment to their family and left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from December: Motion to approve December's minutes made by Erik seconded by Kelby, and passed unanimously.

Principal's Report: Christina gave a report on the health of the school and how we have been dealing with Covid during this phase of the pandemic. She believes that HSCS has been lucky in that we have only had 4 positive cases among students this month, but also pointed out that the community at HSCS is one in which everyone is doing their part to stay masked and distanced and the majority of the student population is vaccinated along with staff. Christina was asked about behaviors at the school and she spoke to the difficulties present this year that are above and beyond what they have been in years past. Specifically the 7th grade class is struggling more than either 6th or 8th grade. She emphasized that a lot of these problems are stemming from social media and technology. She reiterated that technology at HSCS is supposed to be put away unless the use is authorized. Christina also mentioned that while behaviors at HSCS have been a struggle they are nowhere near as bad as what is happening at other middle schools within the district. Christina brought to the boards attention that the 8th grade musical "Guys and Dolls Jr." took place and was a success, thanks in large part to Robert and his work. She mentioned that there was a disclaimer before the show speaking to the historical context of the play and how the subject matter may not be in line with current social norms.

Finance: Finance report was consistent with previous reports. HSCS is on track with projected budget items and we are where we should be at this point in the year.

Admissions Committee: Applications are starting to come in for the 2022-2023 school year. Upcoming dates include: Virtual Open House Feb 22nd

Lottery March 8th Likely live on zoom

HR: No report, no issues.

Facilities: There are multiple issues with the new building that are going to be addressed in the coming months that are included in our Warranty associated with the original build of the building. Work is also continuing on dance space across the street. We have had asbestos survey done and a bid for abatement came back at \$25,000. It is unclear at this time whether full abatement will take place or if we will make sure that bi-annual asbestos testing will be used instead. Christina mentioned that there are multiple buildings within the district that are not abated and use the testing. In general

it looks like the process to lease and occupy the dance space is moving forward.

Old Business: Continuing to look for new board members is ongoing.

New Business: Meeting scheduled for next month, including review of chapter 2 in the boards diversity and inclusion training.

Meeting adjourned.

*these minutes were written from memory following a loss of the original minutes due to being offline during live meeting.