

## YWCP Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: Friday, September 5, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: Zoom & In Person



## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order: *Jennifer Allen, Chair*

### II. Roll Call: *Belimar Velazquez, Secretary*

BoT Attendance		Sep 2 2022
First Name	Last Name	
Jennifer	Allen	X
Jennifer	Aronson-Jovcevski	X
Erin	Duffy-Kruss	X
Charles (Chuck)	Falcon	X
Julia	Green	excused
Belimar	Velazquez	X
Jennifer	Weinstein	excused

#### Guests

Lauri	Bonnell	X
Nicole	Sinclair	X
Kevin	Quinn	X
Idonia	Owens	X
Nicholette	Klingensmith	X

### III. Development Committee: *Lauri Bonnell*

- Gala planning is going well. Many people responding including students and sponsors. Please share the information and recruit people to sponsor tables or ads. This is our biggest fundraising event.
- Board members please sponsor table

### IV. Communications to the Board: *3 communications*

- Two resignations: Melissa Geska, LaQuanna Sparkman
- Additional communication to be discussed in executive session

### V. Approval of the July 8, 2022 Minutes: *Jennifer Allen*

- Motion: Jennifer Allen
- Second: Chuck Falcon
- All in favor

### VI. Governance Committee: *Jennifer Aronson-Jovcevski*

- Four candidates were put forth to proceed with the application process. The BoT voted to move all candidates to the next step in the application process.
  - i. Candidate: Ms. Maria Cruz
    1. Motion: Jennifer Allen
    2. Second: Belimar Velazquez
    3. All in favor
  - ii. Candidate: Dr. Ghislaine Radegonde-Eison
    1. Motion: Jennifer Allen
    2. Second: Chuck Falcon
    3. All in favor
  - iii. Candidate: Rosa Luciano
    1. Motion: Jennifer Allen
    2. Second: Belimar Velazquez
    3. All in favor
  - iv. Candidate: Sarah Laine Tufano
    1. Motion: Belimar Velazquez
    2. Second: Jennifer Allen
    3. All in favor

**VII. Adjourn to Executive Session**

- Motion: Jennifer Allen
- Second: Chuck Falcon

**VIII. Adjourn to General Session**

- Motion: Jennifer Allen
- Second: Belimar Velazquez

**IX. Public speakers: *None***

**X. President's Report: *Jennifer Allen***

- Refer to report on the share drive

**XI. Principal's Report: *Nicole Sinclair, Nicholete Klingensmith, Idonia Owens***

- Special appeals process: State sent memo indicating that students could appeal if they receive a score of 50-64 in their Regent's exam and have passed the class. It will be offered in January, June, and August.
- Several students across multiple subjects (Geometry, Global, Algebra 1, Algebra 2) received the appeal.
- To mitigate appeals, science courses were re-sequenced to follow the student's developmental path and also align with the state. Targeted courses have been implemented to bridge gaps. For example, extended Algebra 1 is now offered for 8<sup>th</sup> graders to cover two years. ELA lab for 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be offered every day by the most skilled teachers – this also entails small group learning. The school is

bringing back DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) to encourage reading by students and for teachers to read to students.

- New staff hired: ELA (two teachers), instructional Coach, Math, PE athletic director
- Graduation stats: 68 students started in the cohort. 57 graduated, two still enrolled.
  - i. Graduation rate cited: it is different between state and school numbers.
    - 1. State uses the % of students that graduated based on the starting number as freshman.  
This takes into account retention and gives the school an incentive to work on retention.
    - 2. Action: Decide which rate will be used to ensure consistency.
  - ii. 44% earned Advanced Regent's Diploma (25 students)
  - iii. 53% earned Regent's Diploma (20 students)
  - iv. Two students earned a Local Diploma
  - v. YWCP outperforms NYS (80%) and RCSD (76%) based on 2021 data.
  - vi. Parent orientation held for all grade levels. 150 parents and students participated for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> classes. 30 people participated for the Junior and Senior orientation night – LaQuanna Sparkman gave presentation on the College Application process.
  - vii. August PD included presentations from Pathways to Peace (community status), Pathstone, Lung Association (vaping). A lot of attention paid to building a restorative culture and how to structure an advisory to establish consistency across the school.
  - viii. On Wednesday, school will start with morning meeting, balloon arches, photo booth to celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

**XII. Adjournment**

- Motion: Jennifer Allen
- Second: Belimar Velazquez
- All in favor

**XIII.** Next Meeting: [October 6, 2022 Friday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM](#) **IN PERSON**