



MINUTES

The Family Place Public Charter School

Date | time August 16, 2022 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | *Location* Virtual Meeting, Zoom

In Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS		
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mavis I. Ardon		X
Ann B. Barnet	X	
Michael D. Barnet	X	
Shawn Chakrabarti	X	
Dania Diaz Amaya		X
Barbara Finkelstein		X
Sarah Friedman	X	
Marcia Harrington	X	
Natalia Isaza Brando	X	
Oralia Puente	X	
Elaine Weiss	X	

Others Present: Haley Wiggins, Alyson Cronquist, Larry Garr, Misbah Ahdab, Patricia Oholeguy, Laurel Kircher, Fernando Saldana

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from last meeting, June 1, 2022, were reviewed and unanimously approved by Ann, Marcia, Michael, Oralia, Shawn, Natalia, Sarah, and Elaine.

Motions

Everyone voted on the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Description of Matters Discussed

1. *Remembering Dr. Bussey, Haley*
 - a. Recap of Dr. Bussey's funeral
 - b. Larry and Haley talked about ideas to honor Dr. Bussey's legacy
 - i. Dedicating the newest classroom and inviting his family to a dedication ceremony, service award
 - ii. Shawn, Natalia, and Elaine would like to be on a committee to plan this
2. *Finance update, Haley*
 - a. The new fiscal year started July 1.

- b. Jane Mattson is taking over Yu's position at EdOps and will be working with us going forward.
 - i. Ann expressed thanks to Yu. He will be at the October meeting.
- c. Finances look good, more details will be provided in October.
 - i. Eileen mentioned how well the finances are doing because we save money.

3. *New Space Update, Larry, Michael, Misbah, and Haley*

- a. We will not be pursuing the 14th street site anymore.
- b. Michael mentioned the existing tenant (bakery) in the building and how the seller wasn't clear on what was going to happen with that. There were too many unknowns.
- c. Eileen added that the seller refused to provide materials such as bills, etc. The attorney (as well as the rest of the committee) didn't feel good about the whole thing in general.
- d. Misbah detailed the remodeling plans and the letter of intent. The initial agreed-upon terms were basically thrown out the window by the seller. The seller seemed like he wasn't sure if he actually wanted to sell the building.
- e. Larry asked Misbah to talk more about finances. Misbah said the price was high and he had hoped to negotiate more. The market has since gone down with the potential recession.
- f. Haley mentioned that she will update the staff that we are not purchasing the building, and she had already talked with the managers about it.
- g. Michael asked Haley to talk about our space for the upcoming school year. Haley talked about how it's tight, but we can still make it work and will continue to have some virtual evening classes.
- h. Fernando added that we definitely still need more space in the future, but we are okay for now.
- i. Larry wants the staff to understand that the boards really want to make sure they have enough space, but also the right space, and that they really appreciate all the staff does.
- j. Shawn brought up the possibility of working with K-12 schools for space, similar to how Briya started.
- k. Larry also mentioned that we may cut ties with the broker we have been working with, because Misbah and his son have done a better job of finding potential spaces.

4. *Executive Director's Report, Haley*

- a. Haley talked about Allyson, Evelyn, and Eliberto leaving, and Crhis and Carlye changing roles. New hires include Xinxin and Perry, and we are still hiring for a few positions.
- b. Funding
 - i. Grants from Crimsonbridge and MOLA
 - ii. 5 year review

5. *Academic Update, Laurel*

- a. 88% CASAS pre- and post-tested
- b. 68% EFL percentage gain
- c. 40% FOL percentage gain
- d. Digital story projects are published
- e. Graduation recap
- f. Staffing updates
- g. Class schedule

6. *Registration, Fernando*

- a. The goal is to start the school year with 160 students, and registration will continue through September. We want to have 200 students registered by the end of September. We are competing with other schools to enroll students, and there is a very high demand for evening classes. We also have to do home visits to register some students who need documentation for registration.

b. COVID

- i. We have rapid antigen tests from the city, around 800 and we are giving test kits out to every student so they can test before they come to school.
- ii. We are currently at 60-63 points internally, Tier 2.

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Motion to adjourn was made at 7:06pm and was passed unanimously.