

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Members Participating in Person: Demetrius Grooms, Dr. Colette Edson, Dr. Shirleas Washington, James Hill, Adam Smith, and Chris Hinckley

La Salle Board Members Participating Telephonically: N/A

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Member Absent: Constance Gully and Kim Perry.

Other Participants: LaShanda Boone, Tarri Smith, McFarlane Duncan, Mike Hall

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**I. Opening Items**

- a. Call to Order - Notice of the meeting having duly been given and a quorum being present Dr. Colette Edson, convened the meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. ("La Salle") at approximately 4:44 p.m. Central Time at 1106 North Jefferson Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63106.\*
- b. Adoption of Agenda - Proposed Agenda for meeting presented for approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved and adopted the amended agenda.

**II. General Board Business**

- a. Open Comments: Dr. Edson began the meeting, welcoming everyone in attendance.
- b. Public Recognition: Head of School, LaShanda Boone, introduced attendees, faculty and staff, from LaSalle and DeLaSalle, Inc.
- c. Mission moment – 8<sup>th</sup> grader Monte Evans spoke to the Board about the positive impact that LaSalle has had on his life, with particular attention to Head of School, LaShanda Boone, and how her guidance has helped him to succeed.
- d. Board Retreat- A joint Board meeting/retreat was raised and dates discussed.
- e. Public Comment – Guest parent spoke about In - School Suspensions (I.S.S.). La Salle's faculty provided input on the issue. Dr. Edson provided guidance for future presentations of matters presented during Public Comment.

\* Board Chair, Demetrius Grooms arrived shortly after meeting commenced.

### **III. Development/Encompass Update**

DeLaSalle Inc. Director of Encompass Tarri Strickland updated the Board on student graduation, the Star Lunch on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and the events set for commencement weekend.

Encompass Update – Next year’s activity and school year were discussed. Encompass is working to secure providers, and developing its after-school activities. Issues related to responsibility for classroom management and compensation for teacher after school involvement during activities were raised and discussed. The DeLasalle sports teams will now be run by an Athletic Coordinator.

McFarland Duncan, Director of Development, updated the Board on the upcoming Gala, the September golf tournament, and the desire to add two fundraising events to the calendar.

### **IV. New Business**

- a. Minutes from March’s LaSalle Board meeting were voted on and approved.

### **V. Old Business**

- a. Dr. Edson provided an update on Charter renewal, the Board’s accomplishments since one year ago and the significance of the turnaround model and its impact on the path to charter renewal.
- b. The LaSalle Policy Manual was voted on and approved.

### **VI. Financial Report/Update**

- a. The March Financials were voted on and approved.
- b. The Proposed 2019-20 Budget was tabled for the May Board meeting.

### **VII. Head of School Update**

Head of School LaShanda R. Boone provided presented and/or provided updates on the following:

- a. The Comprehensive Status Process. Surveys were being sent out for the Comprehensive School Plan assessment
- b. A School evaluation is being conducted by Carol Swann, Consultant provided by MU.
- c. Summer School enrollment - mandatory attendance and those being encouraged to participate. Enrichment activities being provided.
- d. The 2019 -20 School enrollment efforts were discussed as well as current student retention efforts.
- e. Ms. Boone provided an update on the school staffing plan, including the roles of tutors and assistants.
- f. Ms. Boone concluded by updating the Board on Dashboard – Accountability plan.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:49 p.m.

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Mr. Demetrius Grooms, Chair

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Christopher W. Hinckley, Secretary