

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021

La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. Board Members Participating in Person via ZOOM: Demetrius Grooms, James Hill, Christopher Hinckley, Constance Gully, Shirleas Washington, Adam Smith

La Salle Board Members Participating Telephonically: N/A

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

Other Participants: Shanika Harris, Gerry Kettenback (University of Missouri - Columbia Charter Schools Operations), Mike Hall (De LaSalle Inc.), Shannon Spradling, Lauren Cobb, Dr. Masa Massenburg-Johnson, Sherida Williams (La Salle Charter School, Inc.)

I. Opening Items

- a. Call to Order - Notice of the meeting having duly been given and a quorum being present LaSalle School Chairman, Demetrius Grooms, convened the Board of Directors Meeting of La Salle Charter Schools, Inc. ("La Salle"), at approximately 4:31 p.m. Central Time via ZOOM conferencing application.
- b. Adoption of Agenda – Upon the motion duly made and seconded, the LaSalle Board approved the February Meeting Agenda.

II. General Board Business

- a. Open Comments: There were no open comments.
- b. Public Recognition: There were no public announcements or recognition.
- c. Mission moment – Social Studies teacher Dr. Masa Massenburg-Johnson provided the mission moment. She discussed her service to students and her gratitude for being a part of the La Salle community. Dr. Massenburg elaborated on her years of experience in the field of education and how her development in various departments will place the students of LaSalle Middle on a solid path for academic success.

III. Development/Encompass Update

De LaSalle Inc. Caretaker Director, Mike Hall, provided an update on Advancement, Encompass programming, and building operations.

- **Advancement:** The Save The Date for the 2021 Catch a Rising Star Gala, has been sent out to various partners for the May 1, 2021, event. It will be virtual and student led. Mike also shared that there will be an email going out to all staff and community

partners. Gala sponsorship solicitation and programming is underway. All foundation and corporate donors have been communicated with. Many have committed to giving at the same level as last year and have indicated that would be flexible if funding is needed from general operating. A more detailed report will be presented in detail at the March Board of Directors meeting.

- **Graduate Support/Encompass:** As of 2.19.21, there are 11 8th graders that have not completed the high school application process. The school and graduate support team are working together to ensure these are completed by February 24, 2021. Additionally, those students accepted in Catholic High Schools will complete financial aid forms by February 26, 2021.
 - **Student Advising:** The EnCompass team continues to work with current middle school, high school and graduate professional students virtually. The advising team makes contact with students via Google Classroom, SignalVine, Facebook, Instagram and Flipgrid daily. A Digital Hub has also been created for students and families as well. Advisor Jerrica Franks has returned and has focused her attention on tracking high school students and families.
 - **Financial Support:** Currently the team is working on registration fees for rising sophomores through seniors with their high schools. These checks will go out this week. Rising freshman registration will be completed later in the month and into early March. Tuition support for continuing students will remain largely the same, pending any major changes in family income. Tuition support for rising freshmen will be determined over the coming weeks.
 - **Enrichment:** Due to weather and a lack of interest from current middle school students, Enrichment classes will not be rolled out as planned in the week of February 16th. The new dates have not been determined, but it will likely be after spring break.
 - **Summer Scholars 2021:** Summer Scholars planning has begun. The team is working on the coordination and planning of the summer program geared towards preparing students for college. This year will be virtual as well. The team is working on coordinating with Fontbonne University to offer some virtual college readiness opportunities. More information to come.

- **Operations:** No new updates

IV. **New Business**

- a. Minutes from La Salle Board's January meeting were voted on and approved.
- b. Mr. Grooms discussed four Board Resolutions (A policy related to nepotism, Board Training, Military, and Finance) with the Board. Additional information relative to each policy will be shared with the Board for review and subsequently voted on at the March meeting.

V. **Old Business**

- a. There were no business items to discuss.

VI. **Financial Report/Update**

- a. The January Financials were voted on and approved.
- b. Shannon Spalding reported that the School will receive ESSER II funds in the coming weeks. These funds like the ESSER I funds must meet the purpose of the CARES Act and CRRSA Act programs, which is to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Any use of funds must also be allowable under one of the listed uses of funds (Allowable Activities) and be reasonable and necessary. LEAs must also follow their LEAs procurement procedures.

VII. Head of School Update

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

a. School reopening update

- i. Despite the Board approving a return to in-person learning for all students beginning February 18th, an overwhelming majority of our families have still opted for virtual learning. As a result, a plan is being developed to encourage families to return their students to the building for in-person instruction while the building (at this time) remains virtual.
- ii. McKinney - Vento Homeless Policy
 - The Board reviewed and unanimously approved an updated policy and procedure that ensure there are no barriers to the enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth.
- iii. **McKinney - Vento Dispute Resolution**
 - The Board unanimously approved an updated policy and process for the resolution of disagreements about eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, with procedures for homeless families and youth to appeal decisions made by the LEA, including written explanations, clearly defined processes and provision of services during the appeal.
- iv. **Dashboard** - Ms. Boone concluded by updating the Board on the Dashboard - Accountability plan.

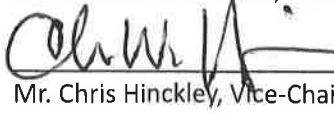
VIII. Closed Session - At 5:35 p.m. a motion was made and seconded for the Board to go into closed session, as authorized by RSMo. Section 610.021.3, and a roll call vote of the members of the Board was taken. Upon the affirmative vote of Mr. Grooms, Mr. Hill, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hinckley, and Dr. Washington with no votes in opposition – a closed session of the Board began.

IX. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m.



Mr. Demetrius Grooms, Chair



Mr. Chris Hinckley, Vice-Chair