

Jacquelyn Y. Kelley Discovery Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
Term 2022-2023

The Board of Trustees emergency meeting of Jacquelyn Y. Kelley Discovery Charter School was held on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023, via teleconference**. The meeting was called to order at **6:01 PM**. Roll call was taken by the Board Chair. He determined that there was a quorum.

Trustees Present:

Tonia Elmore, CEO
Sharlynn Cloud, CEO Elect
Jabbar Tyler, Board Chair
Adrienne Bell, Board Vice-Chair
Shauna Collins, Board Treasurer
Calvin White
Andrew Grannum
Sharon Thornton
Lynn Nichols

Trustees Not Present:

Pastor Donald Moore
Sergio Diggs
Aishia Campbell

Others Present:

Fred Fields
Cheryl Lomax

IT Support
Administrative Support

The purpose of the emergency meeting is to vote on the 12' wall to be constructed between the JYK Discovery Charter School and the Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial

Elmore provided the following.

Renderings of the proposed wall have been sent out to the board. During the Georg Floyd melee and the pandemic, the Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial was damaged. Instead of the present mural that is across the street on Belmont Avenue that has also been damaged a private benefactor has proposed to place the mural on a 12' wall (which is much higher than the present wall) and restore the Memorial which sits directly outside of our library, thus affecting our view. The wall will serve as a divider between the school and the Memorial. On the side of the wall that faces the school we will have our choice of decorating the wall. Some suggestions are a Rock-Climbing wall for the students, or to allow the students to paint a mural on the wall under artistic direction or a combination of the two.

Questions, Comments, Discussion:

- Thornton: Are we voting on whether to have the mural or the rock-climbing wall?
 - Elmore: No, the vote is to allow the building of the 12' wall. Then we can decide what we want to do on our side of the wall. If the wall is built, it will take away

our ability to see Parkside Avenue. They want to make sure that the side of the wall we see is pleasing to the student body as well as the staff.

- White: How long will it take to build the wall, and will the construction affect the entering and exiting of the building, or the parents' ability to bring or pick up their children daily?
 - Ogilvie via telephone: The construction that will be disruptive will take two weeks, fencing will be installed, and it will not affect the entering or exit of the building.
- Bell: When did we become aware of this project?
 - The meeting when the renderings were submitted was probably a week ago. They were trying to decide what to do with the damaged properties when benefactors wanted to work with them and see the project go forward requested my presence at a Zoom meeting, upon which I contacted Tyler for a meeting with the board, but he was out of town until today. Do you feel this notice is too short for you to make a decision?
- Bell: I think that as a board we should move away from making decisions in a rush before we have an opportunity to discuss it.
 - Elmore: Sometimes we must act when the opportunity/funds/financing is presented we have to act on it. This damage has been there for some time and while we wanted to fix it, we did not have the funding, the drawings, the plans to restore the area. Now that someone is providing those for us all we have to do is agree to it.
 - Thornton: I think it is a good idea. We were thinking about the eyesore. I am happy that someone took up the reins and started running with us and ask us what we think. It is a win-win situation.
 - Elmore: I asked could this wait for the next board meeting and was told we needed to act on it before the funding dried up.
 - Nichols: I agree. As a black school, we need to have the project completed as it has been damaged for a while. If we can get the funding now, we should move forward to beautify that corner in a way that would be pleasing to our students and the community.

White Motioned to move forward with the proposed construction of the wall, Thornton Seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm