Jacquelyn Y. Kelley Discovery Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
Term 2023-2024

The Board of Trustees meeting of Jacquelyn Y. Kelley Discovery Charter School was held on **Monday, April 15, 2024, in the Board Room at 4700 Parkside Avenue, Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19131**. The meeting was called to order at **6:45** pm. The roll call was taken by the Board Vice-Chair. She determined that there was a quorum.

Trustees Present:	**Trustees Not Present:**
Sharlynne Cloud, CEO	Pastor Donald Moore
Jabbar Tyler, Board Chair	Shauna Collins, Board Treasurer
Adrianne Bell, Board Vice-Chair	Calvin White
Lynn M. Nichols, Esq.	Sergio Diggs
Andrew Grannum	Sharon Thornton
Aishia Campbell	
Estena McGhee	
Marie Walker	

Others Present:	
Bilal Bey	Director of Student Climate and Security
Renee Brown	Parent
Rene` Garner	Principal
Cheryl Lomax	Administrative Support

Open Forum began at 6:45 pm

Bell: Let the record show the Charter Choices Finance Report is tabled to the next meeting

Principal Report:
Garner provided the Board with copies of the Principal Report.

Special Education Updates

- ❖ 88 / IEP's
- ❖ 10 / 504 Plans
- ❖ Beverage/Snack Cart

Past Events /Upcoming Events

- ∗ *****Homecoming
- ∗ *Staff/Student Basketball Game ~ Scholars won!
- ∗ *Middle School Sneaker Ball

Fundraisers

- ∗ Tag Day
- ∗ Pretzels sales / Fridays

School Climate/Staff

- ❖ 10 scholars were removed from the daily reports
- ❖ 1 scholar recommended to a Board meeting
- ❖ Lockdown training (Officer Odom)
- ❖ Lockdown April 10th

Events/Trips

- ∗ 4/16/24 ~ Founder's Day Activities
- ∗ 4/17/24 ~ Franklin Institute / 2nd grade
- ∗ 4/19/24 ~ PSSA Pep Rally

Academics

4/12/24 ~ PD (PSSA and Behavioral Management Training)

Testing

4/22/24 ~ 5/3/24 ~ PSSA testing window

Questions, Comments, Discussion:

- McGhee: Were there any new scholars added to the daily report?
    - Garner: No more were added, so we are reducing, it is working.

CEO Report:

Cloud provided the Board with copies of the CEO Report.

Updates

Sickness improvement: stomach virus, allergies, and pink eye

Old Business

- Staffing Concerns
- Career Fairs
    - Certified Teachers
- Saturday School
    - One session remaining
- Gala, April 13, 2024
- Monthly Committee Meetings
    - Finance
    - Education - Wednesday
    - Board Development
    - Personnel

New Business

- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Mental Health Grant, $70,000 **(Secured for '24-'25 School Year)**
- Fence
- May Board Meeting

Professional Development

- Leadership Retreat
    - Initiatives for Next Year
- Board Trainings
    - **Act 55 Advanced Training** - Thursday, May 16, 2024, from 6 to 9 PM. This session is for Board trustees who have completed a term and are returning to their board for the next term.
    - **Act 55 New Trustee Training** - Friday, May 17, 2024, from 9 AM to 2 PM. New Trustees are required to complete the initial Act 55 training program during their first year in office.
    - **Register for Trainings:** https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/act-55-training-1687529

Community Initiatives

- Jackie Robinson Day 2024

Glows

- Leadership Initiatives
- PSSA Preparation

Grows

- Teacher support
- Classroom Management

Executive Session began at 7:10 pm and ended at 7:44 pm
Public safety issue

Education Committee Report:
Walker provided the following

- Thornton and I met with Garner on March 21st to participate in a meeting with the 5th-grade teachers. We observed student work and discussed strategies and activities. We informed the teachers of the willingness of the board to support them.
- Scheduled a follow-up meeting with Cloud to inform her of our thoughts and ideas.
- It was determined to focus on reading based on the STAR data. Thornton is a retired reading specialist and can provide support as needed.
- We will develop reading centers for the classrooms starting with the 4th grade after the PSSA's and start early next year with our first STAR data report to build for a strong year!

Board Minutes:
Lomax provided the Board with copies of the Minutes for March 2024

McGhee Motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Walker Seconded, Board Minutes Approved

Public Concerns:

- Brown: I would like to help make an effective HSA for the coming school year.
- Communication between parents and teachers is horrible
- Childcare for K-2 students during the PSSA's is a concern for the parents of these students.
    - Cloud: The problem with asynchronous learning for the k-2 students is that just concluding Spring Break creates a hardship?
        - Brown: Yes, as parents now must take off work again to be at home with their children. Parents feel there is no consideration for their responsibilities.
- There is a need to have a parent representative on the Board.
    - Tyler: We appreciate you. Please let the parents know we have a spot on the board and perhaps use this as a promotional tool to get parents to meet and vote for leadership.
        - We need more direction from the Principal not via technology, but direct face-to-face contact or a letter sent home inviting parents to a parent meeting. I would be happy to promote that directly when parents pick up and drop off their students.

Open Forum adjourned at 7:58 pm