

**May 16, 2019 UChicago Charter School Corporation
Board of Directors and Advisory Council Meeting**

Present

Daniel Abebe
Tanika Island Childress
Deborah Gorman-Smith
Susana Vasquez
Katie Callow Wright
Donna D. Dortzbach
John (Mark) Hansen
Chris Harris
Patricia (Patty) Lane
Charles (Chuck) Lewis
LaTonya McCarter
Lee Pratter
Patrice Ziegler

Absent

Derek Douglas
Ivan Samstein
Danielle Brown
Julie Getzels
Harold (Hank) Handelsman
Priscilla Kersten
Laura Van Peenam

Tanika Island Childress: introduced Donoghue Director Erin Gilmore Slack and Aneesa Sergeant as leaders of the Donoghue campus and informed attendees that these 2 leaders moved the Donoghue rating from 2+ to 1 in one year.

Erin Gilmore Slack: introduced Aneesa Sergeant they are hoping to reach Level 1+; they have formed partnerships with organizations and individuals who teach their students Robotics, African dance, Spanish, and a design dance class that created a dance of movement of the solar system.

Daniel Abebe: Pastor Chris Harris and Deborah Gorman-Smith are temporarily co-chairs because lawyer stated permanent co-chairs are not allowed. For this meeting, Deborah Gorman-Smith is the Chair and Pastor Harris is the Vice Chair until a permanent arrangement is decided. He recognized the past chairs for their work: Darren Reisberg, Harold Handelsman, and ?

Deborah Gorman-Smith: as of July 1, SSA will become the "academic home" of UEI and this news was publicly announced last week; over the next year SSA and UEI will work on how to best leverage this relationship. Tanika Island Childress added that synergies already exist between SSA and UEI and they will increase with this arrangement.

Review of February 21, 2019 Advisory Council minutes: Chuck Lewis stated that item #5 on that meeting's agenda referred to "rising 5th graders". They should be accommodated to "Woodlawn". Also, the lottery applies to 6th grade not 9th grade. Motion made to accept these changes, seconded, and accepted by all.

Public participation: CGW Youth Empowerment Program through Bronzeville Community Action Program. Two students from that program presented 2 photos each and more photos will be presented by additional students at Oakwood Shores Community Center, 3825 S. Vincennes on May 29. Six week paid position for students to take photos paid via Bright Star and Bronzeville Community Action Program.

Jerrold Washington: closing of CGW has been an extremely difficult process for all; lease expires June 30; a few CGW staff members have been placed within our UEI organization; yesterday showed video

tribute to CGW and will have permanent memory of CGW at Woodlawn. Jarred Brown: thanked UCCS and UEI for remaining open till the end of this year because it was a costly decision.

Admissions: lottery held on March 1; number of applications per grade by campus listed in their meeting materials; 956 applications. Chuck Lewis asked, "What is the nature of the demand?" Tanika responded that we are "pretty healthy" for our Pre-K and Kindergarten grades and we will be drawing off the wait list for 9th graders.

Graduation Dates and Plans: Woodlawn dates will be sent by Jerrold Washington. DON "Rites of Passage" for 5th graders on Monday June 10 at 10:00 am. CGW: June 7 at 10:00 am at Harold Washington Library. NKO "Rites of Passage" for 5th graders on Tuesday June 11 at 2 pm.

Membership Committee Recommendation of New Council Member for Board Appointment: Shanta Robinson faculty member of SSA, supports Woodlawn high school by teaching class to sophomores; was a high school teacher in the past. Motion made by Pastor Harris to accept this recommendation, **who seconded?** Motion passed by all.

Mark Hansen: 4 teacher aides will be eliminated at DON; 2 new teacher positions at Woodlawn; security cost increases; declining enrollments the past few years, especially CGW; operating cost for students continues to increase; final budget numbers not in place till October because of CPS.

Lee Pratter: asked about Philanthropic funding and what is our plan for filling the gap? Jerrold Washington: J.B. Pritzker relatively new as governor and ran neutral about Charter Schools and new mayor coming in. Pastor Harris emphasized presence of people attending meetings. Patty Lane: how can we be present? Pastor Harris: suggested that Council members continue to attend these meetings and leaders could attend meetings of the Greater Bronzeville area. This area bounded by 26th, 66th, Dan Ryan, and Lake Shore. Chuck Lewis asked how many Charter School in Greater Bronzeville area? Pastor Harris answered 7.

Tanika Island Childress: when our charter was renewed, 2 areas were flagged so we decreased the number of suspensions and increased our Special Ed assistance. Emily and Liz **last names** presentation: defined Special Ed (IEP & 504 Plan) and reviewed different categories of disabilities. Our Charter School has 162 students with IEP's (10% of students) and 95 with 504 plans (6% of students). Donna Dortzbach asked if we can fund the necessary staff or are we using consultants? Emily and Liz responded that we have our own staff.

Mark Hansen and Deborah Gorman-Smith made motions to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss Proposed Amendment to Student Code of Conduct, Proposed New UCCS Policy regarding Document Retention, and Proposed Calendar for 2019-2020 Council and Board Meetings. All Board of Directors and Council members moved to Closed Executive Session.

After meeting attendees returned from Closed Executive Session, Mark Hansen requested Outlook Calendar invites for committee, Board, and Council meetings. Tanika Island Childress agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.