



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 15, 2015 – 201 W. 14th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Minutes

Directors Present: Mia Davenport, Julia Li, John Pierson, Hal Real, Clint Walker

Directors Absent: Henry Smith III, Christian Willauer

Others Present: Kelly Davenport, John Kane, Paul Ramirez, Bill Ray, Julia Regan Fanelli, Felicia Wenell

- I. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum** – The Meeting was called to order at 8:09 a.m. The President noted the presence of a quorum, and the meeting commenced.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** – Hal Real moved that the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting be approved as read, and Clint Walker seconded this motion. The Board was polled, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. **School Report** –
 - Paul Ramirez and Felicia Wenell provided an update on the first six weeks of school. As of September 30, 2015, 234 students were officially enrolled at Freire Wilmington. Plans are beginning for recruitment of new students for the 2016-17 school year. Freire Wilmington has hired a Dean of Students to assist in the maintenance of school culture and discipline, whose time at Freire begins today.
 - We are continuing to work closely with the bus company. Two of our three bus routes now have consistent bus drivers, and Felicia is working with the bus company to secure a consistent bus driver for the third route. The number of students riding DART to school has stayed consistent. We are continuing to walk students taking DART for the first time through their experience riding the bus and helping students and parents feel comfortable on DART.
 - Mia Davenport notes that Freire's parent organization has a strong core of regular attendees.
 - The Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood Association has recently elected a new president, with whom Paul will meet in the coming weeks. Monthly meetings with neighbors are continuing. The Midtown Brandywine Neighborhood Association is in the process of selecting a small group of official neighborhood ambassadors to the school. Kelly Davenport acknowledges Paul and Felicia's work working together with Midtown Brandywine neighbors to build a strong, mutually beneficial relationship between the neighborhood and Freire.

- IV. Finance Report** – Bill Ray presented the financials for the period ending September 30, 2015, using a new format tailored by the Build the Future finance team, using the reports provided by our DE accountant, including the required monthly financial statement template.
- Bill Ray explains to the Board that because of a clerical error, the Board was previously asked to approve a \$50,000 start-up payment paid by the Freire Foundation to Build the Future when that payment should correctly be made to Freire Charter School in Philadelphia. Hal Real made a motion to amend the Board’s previous approval, and Clint Walker seconded this motion. The Board was polled, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- V. Fundraising Update** – Kelly Davenport presented Alounso Gilzene’s written development report. Our target for fundraising is \$400,000 per year, and we are actively seeking out grant funding.
- The ribbon cutting took place on October 5th at the school and was well-attended. The Board discusses strategies for further cultivating relationships with ribbon cutting attendees.
- VI. Governance** –
- Bob Goff has volunteered to serve on the Board as a Midtown Brandywine community representative. John Pierson will meet with Bob soon to discuss his potential Board membership.
 - The Board reviewed the applications for membership on Freire’s Citizen’s Budget Oversight Committee. There are four applicants, including two parents, one community member, and a teacher. When you add the representative from the Delaware Department of Education, we will have five members. Therefore, no selection committee was needed. Clint Walker moved to appoint all applicants to the Committee. Hal Real seconded this motion. The Board was polled, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- VII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.