



# Freire

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## Charter Wilmington

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 25, 2018

#### Minutes

*Directors Present: Mia Davenport, John Kane, Marnie Kelly, Nathan Moser, Mark Stellini, Clint Walker, Christian Willauer*

*Directors Absent: Robert Goff*

*Others Present: Kelly Davenport, Ariel Furbush (Freire Wilmington Student), Felicia Harrington, Max Matthews, Johnny Mills, Paul Ramirez*

*Location: 201 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19801*

8:02 AM, meeting called to order.

#### **I. Public Comment**

- a. There is no public comment.

#### **II. Review & Approval of Minutes**

- a. Mark Stellini moves to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 20, 2018 with the Board Meeting date revised from June to September. John Kane seconds. All in favor.

#### **III. School Reports**

- a. Student Update
  - i. Ariel Furbush, current junior at Freire Wilmington, shares that Paul and Felicia are doing a good job supporting students as they transition to upperclassmen at Freire Wilmington. Ariel shares that Mr. Kevin, the current AP U.S. History teacher, has a very effective teaching style that is well received by the students.
- b. Staff Member Update
  - i. Nathan Moser shares that the first marking period of the 2018-2019 School Year is coming to an end and the students are well engaged. He shares that the new students and staff are finally hitting their stride at Freire.
  - ii. Nathan take a moment to thank the students who attended the recent public hearing for Freire Wilmington's charter renewal.
  - iii. Christian Willauer shares that, after attending the recent Board Visitation Day, she now has a better sense of the amount of work and passion that each teacher brings to the school every day. Clint Walker echoes Christian's sentiments and shares that he is impressed by the student services teachers and how they are able to effectively teach numerous students at different learning levels simultaneously.
- c. Heads Report
  - i. September Data Packet
    1. Felicia Harrington shares that College Application Month is from October 15 – November 15. During this month, the state of Delaware waves all college

application fees for Delaware colleges and universities. Felicia also shares that the school recently held *Club Fest*, a festival in the school's parking lot which showcases the many clubs and sports offered at Freire Wilmington.

2. Clint Walker notes the drop in suspensions comparative to last year. The Board discusses the pros and cons of the school's current suspension practices and how they are recorded.
  3. Paul Ramirez shares that numerous Board Members attended the recent CSAC Committee Meeting regarding Freire Wilmington's Charter Renewal. The school received a handful of questions from the attendees and feels confident with how the school was portrayed at the hearing.
- ii. Annual DOE Report
    1. Max Matthews reviews the Annual DOE Report which requires a formal vote before it is submitted to the state.
    2. Christian Willauer makes a motion to approve. Marnie Kelly seconds. All in favor.
  - iii. Charter Renewal Update
    1. Clint Walker, who attended the recent CSAC Committee Meeting, shares that he was proud of how the Heads of School, students, and parents performed. He shares that the school community did an exceptional job of representing Freire Wilmington.

#### **IV. Financials**

- a. September 2018 Financial Report
  - i. Felicia Harrington reviews the September 2018 financials noting a high cash balance caused by the recent receipt of state and federal funds. Felicia shares that the school is tracking the food service costs this year, compared to last year, and the costs are better than originally predicted.
  - ii. The Board asks Ariel how she thinks the lunch food is this year. Ariel shares that both the breakfast and lunch options are much better compared to last year.
  - iii. Felicia informs the Board that the finalized revised budget will be reviewed during the December Board Meeting. The revised budget will include a more accurate unit count for the year.
  - iv. Mark Stellini makes a motion to approve the September 2018 Financial Report. John Kane seconds. All in favor.
- b. CBOC Update
  - i. There is no CBOC update at this time.

#### **V. Advancement**

- a. Wilmington Cultivation Event
  - i. Kelly Davenport reminds the Board Members of the upcoming Cultivation Event scheduled for November 15, 2018. She encourages the Board to write personalized invitations to their contacts.
  - ii. Clint Walker shares that he sent some personalized outreach to local officials and business leaders and will share that language with the Board.
  - iii. Kelly also informs the Board that Christopher Gunder and his associates from Welfare Foundation recently toured Freire Wilmington.

#### **VI. Policies**

- a. Slate of Staff

- i. The Board reviews the Slate of Staff for the 2018-2019 School Year. Marnie Kelly makes a motion to approve the Slate of Staff. Christian Willauer seconds. All in favor.
- b. Adoption of Board Policy Directory
  - i. Max Matthews shares that the Operations Team has been working on categorizing all the policies and procedures approved by Freire Wilmington's Board of Directors. This directory introduces a new numbering system which provides more transparency and organization.
  - ii. Mark Stellini recommends uploading all the school's policies and procedures to the school website.

**VII. Midtown Brandywine Update**

- a. Marnie Kelly notes the possibility of a Community Service Day within the neighborhood. Felicia shares that she will be meeting with members of Freire Wilmington's National Honors Society and will discuss community service projects.

8:35 AM, Meeting Adjourned