

Rocketship Public Schools -- DC
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm. In attendance in-person were Chair Joey Sloter, Treasurer Justin Bakewell, Josh Rales, Barry Rosenthal, Rena Johnson, Simone Brown, Matthew Aaron, Tom Nida, Melissa Martin, and Jacque Patterson. Zakiya Reid joined by phone. MenSa Maa was not in attendance. Also present were Preston Smith, Joyanna Smith, Tamika Joyner, Josh Pacos, and Ileana Rosenthal. Keysha Bailey participated by teleconference.

I. Consent Items

On a motion by Jacque Patterson, seconded by Matthew Aaron, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the minutes from the May 22, 2019 meeting and August 1, 2019 meeting; new Rocketship policies: Complaint Policy, Concussion Policy, Foster Youth policy, and the Rocketship Parent Handbook.

II. Rocketship Schools Report

DC Director of Schools, Josh Pacos, presented the school report for both RISE and RLP. Josh began with a start-of-school enrollment update at both existing campuses. He also shared an update and reflection on PARCC data, a PMF projection for both campuses, and outlined PMF SY19-20 priorities.

III. Committee Reports

- A. Chair Sloter reported that the Executive Committee did not meet.
- B. The Achievement Committee met on September 5th. Melissa Martin, Chair of the Achievement Committee, took a few minutes to share a brief report with us.
- C. Justin Bakewell shared that the Business Committee also met on September 5th and mentioned the review of insurance products and ensuring that the products continue to meet our evolving needs.

IV. Rocketship DC Regional Update

The DC Regional update was presented by Joyanna Smith which included legislative updates that impact charter schools. Tamika Joyner provided a brief family recruitment and enrollment update. DC Director of Schools, Josh Pacos, provided a talent update which included a staffing composition update for teachers and talent milestones for SY 19-20. The Board also received a fundraising update which included a discussion regarding the search for an East Coast Development Director.

V. Real Estate and Facilities Update

Chief Financial Officer, Keysha Bailey, provided a real estate and facilities update.

VI. RPS-DC Q3 Budget Presentation and Financial Update

Ms. Bailey provided a financial overview and discussed the RPS-DC budget.

VII. RPS National Network Update

Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Preston Smith, briefly provided the RPS Network Update which included mention of key investments being made in hiring a Regional Achievement Manager and a DC Director of Schools.

VIII. Business Items

- A. No Business Items were voted on during this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared on November 27, 2019