



INFORMAL MINUTES

A meeting of the Board's Charter Schools and Alternative Programs Committee came to order at 10:32 am at the call of Committee Chair Eilidh Lowery in the Willamette Conference Room at the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, Oregon.

There were present:

Board Directors

Committee Chair Lowery, Director Bailey, and Director Kohnstamm (by phone)

Staff and Community Partners

Tom DeJardin – Mt. Scott Learning Center

Jeff Laff – Portland Community College

Tara O'Neil – Director of Charter Schools (by phone)

Rosanne Powell – Senior Board Manager

Erica Stavis – Academic Programs Administrator Multiple Pathways

Jill Walters – Portland Youth Builders

Korinna Wolfe – Area Senior Director Multiple Pathways

Committee Charter and Calendar

The committee discussed the draft committee charter. It was discussed whether or not the Day and Residential Treatment (DART) programs should be included in the charter. It was decided that the DART programs were not specifically under the purview of the Charter Committee and would not be added to the charter. A review of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy in relation to the School and Community Based Organizations will be added to the Committee Charter.

The following committee meeting dates were decided upon:

- January 13, 2020 @ 11:30 am
- February 03, 2020 @ 11:30 am
- April 13, 2020 @ 11:30 am
- May 11, 2020 @ 11:30 am

The main task of the committee is charter renewals and extensions. For the coming year, there are two PPS Charter schools that are up for full renewal and another two are requesting a one-year extension. Each school up for renewal will hold a public hearing session in February to hear public comments in support and in opposition of the renewal. After the hearings, the board will hold a work session. The board will vote in March 2020. District staff will report to the committee as data is collected for the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Kairos School is one school up for renewal. They have requested that their public hearing be held in the evening, and not on February 10, 2020. The Portland Village School is the only charter school that was placed on an Academic Performance Plan, and there has been data showing academic improvement.

Most Charter Schools will receive their funds from the Student Success Act as part of Portland Public Schools grant application process. Kairos School is the only Charter School that was allowed the option to be included with Portland Public Schools or to apply on their own, to which they decided to negotiate on their own behalf.

The Charter Committee Members will go with the Multiple Pathways department staff to visit the schools.

Public Comment

none

Adjourn

Committee Chair Lowery adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.

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