

Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 20, 2019

A Public Session of the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Elysian Charter School, 1460 Garden St., Hoboken, NJ. at 7:00 p.m.

Sunshine statement: Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted May 21, 2018.. Notice of the meeting was published in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and to the Public posted on the Elysian Charter School website at www.ecsnj.org and at the Elysian Charter School located at 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ, 07030.

Call to Order by Board Chair -

1. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan	Chair	x	
Brian Blake	Vice-Chair	x	
Daniel Glynn	Treasurer		x
Alison Ziegler	Trustee		x
Andrea O'Connor	Trustee	x	
Maria Badali	Trustee	x	
Diane Sasso	Trustee		x
Ken Nilsen	Trustee		x
Chris DeFilippis	Trustee	x	

Non - Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Susan Grierson	Director	x	
Diane M Macon	Business Manager	x	
Amanda Tripp	Faculty Representative	x	

2. Motion for Elysian Charter School Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting April 3, 2019 and April 29, 2019.

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali		x			
Brian Blake	1	x				Diane Sasso					x
Daniel Glynn					x	Ken Nilsen					x
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis	2	x			
Andrea O'Connor		x									

3. Motion for Elysian Charter School Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from April 29, 2019.

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali		x			
Brian Blake	1	x				Diane Sasso					x
Daniel Glynn					x	Ken Nilsen					x
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis	2	x			
Andrea O'Connor		x									

4. Public Comment

The meeting is open to the public for comment on items on or off the agenda.

(Limited to 5 minutes per person).

Mona Sarafa (Elysian parent) voiced her concerns and unhappiness with the current lunch program. Of greatest concern was not knowing the menu choices in advance and the options not being kid-friendly.

5. Director's Report (see attached)

6. Faculty Representative Report: Amanda Tripp spoke about the many field trips coming up and that teachers are beginning their end of year assessments. Very positive response to the recent professional development with Hannah Schneewind with regards to reading strategies and curriculum calendar for next school year.

7. Upon recommendation of the Director of Elysian Charter School the following resolutions are presented for approval:

Finance:

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Payroll Report of April 12, 2019 in the amount of \$145,698.32.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Payroll Report of April 30, 2019 in the amount of \$142,864.64.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the May 2019 Check Register in the total amount of \$324,512.87.

Personnel:

Curriculum/Special Education:

Facilities:

Governance:

- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Board of Trustees meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

July 23, 2019	6:30 pm	January 28, 2020	6:30 pm
August 27, 2019	6:30 pm	February 25, 2020	6:30 pm
September 24, 2019	6:30 pm	March 24, 2020	6:30 pm
October 29, 2019	6:30 pm	April 28, 2020	6:30 pm
November 26, 2019	6:30 pm	May 19, 2020	6:30 pm
December 17, 2019	6:30 pm	June 16, 2020	6:30 pm

Miscellaneous:

- E. Resolved upon recommendation of the Director that the Board of Trustees approve the expanding of the weighted lottery from 2-1 to 3-1 and approves the submission of the attached request to the New Jersey Department of Education.
- F. Resolved upon recommendation of the Director that the Board of Trustees approve the Facilities Use Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, Engineering & Construction to use the school gym on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:00pm until 9:30pm for a public meeting about Rebuild by Design at a fee of \$125.00 to cover the cost of maintenance and facilities personnel.

10. Presentation of Committee Reports

Personnel: Diane Sasso said the committee met with Susan Grierson to review the goals that were established for her over this past year and that the committee would meet again in June to discuss and put in place her goals for the coming school year.

Fundraising: Brian Blake spoke of the desire to ask Friends of Elysian to increase their annual contribution to the school. Members of the committee spoke with Friends Chair, Jen Semenza, who requested that Friends be provided with specifics of what the additional money would be used for. Fundraising Committee members agreed it would be a good idea to attend an upcoming Friends meeting as well as assist in recruiting more of our school community to join Friends.

Academic: Maria Badali said that the committee met to discuss their goals and how pleased she was with the staff representation on the Academic Committee and how they hoped to get more tenured teachers to join. There was a discussion at the first meeting on the importance of technology in the classrooms. Jen O’Callaghan suggested that we formally thank the Stevens University students who worked so hard on our new 5 year strategic plan.

Outreach: Andrea O’Connor said the committee had their first meeting and identified the communities that should be targeted:

- 1) The Elysian Community – how can we get more people/families involved
- 2) Hoboken Community – devise ways to actively recruit families to enter the 3:1 lottery
- 3) Statewide Charter School advocacy – work more closely with the other charter schools

11. New Business

12. Motion approving resolution A through F

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali	1	x			
Brian Blake					x	Diane Sasso		x			
Daniel Glynn	2	x				Ken Nilsen					x
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x									

Adjournment of Meeting – 8:10 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali	2	x			
Brian Blake					x	Diane Sasso		x			
Daniel Glynn		x				Ken Nilsen					x
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis		x			
Andrea O'Connor	1	x									