

Rocketship Public Schools -- DC
MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 2019

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

I. Consent Items

On a motion by Tom Nida, seconded by Matt Aaron, the Board voted 8-0 to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting, the appointment of Simone Brown to the Board, and the 2019-2020 DC board meeting schedule.

II. Rocketship Schools Report

RPS CEO Preston Smith presented the school report for both RISE and RLP which included an overview of our summer school program which would be offered at both campuses this year.

III. Committee Reports

- A. Chair Sloter reported that the Executive Committee did not meet.
- B. The Achievement Committee met on April 23rd. Since Achievement Committee chair, Melissa Martin, was unable to join the meeting, Rena Johnson shared a brief Committee report.
- C. Justin Bakewell shared that the Business Committee met on May 15th and he would refrain from giving a report at this point in the agenda, and would instead provide an overview of key considerations regarding the greenlighting of Fort Totten site as Rocketship DC's third campus.

IV. Rocketship DC Regional Update

The DC Regional update was presented by Joyanna Smith. Tamika Joyner provided a brief family recruitment and enrollment update. Chief Growth and Community Engagement Officer, Cheye Calvo, provided the regional talent update to the Board. The Board also received a fundraising update.

V. DC3 Greenlighting Presentation

Justin Bakewell provided opening remarks which reflected key strategic considerations for the Board to consider when deciding whether or not to approve DC3. Laura Kozel then provided the strategic framework for understanding the financial viability of the site. Board members then engaged in a discussion regarding the request for a vote to greenlight DC3.

VI. RPS-DC Q3 Budget Presentation and Financial Update

Ms. Bailey provided a financial overview and discussed the 2018-2019 budget.

VII. RPS National Network Update

Mr. Preston Smith briefly provided the RPS Network Update.

VIII. Business Items

- A. On a motion from Barry Rosenthal, seconded by Michael Spencer, the Board voted 8-0 to greenlight DC3 which includes proceeding with development activities for a 2020 delivery date of Fort Totten site.
- B. On a motion by Mr. Bakewell, seconded by Mr. Nida, the Board voted 8-0-0 to approve the financial budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.

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