

Board of Trustees—Minutes

December 14, 2023

Trustees Present: Jon Sichel, Basil Smikle, Rodney Capel, June Smith, Eric London & Evena Everett (video conference)

Absent: Peggy Culver, Tasheem Quayenortey & Tracy Hampton

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg, Emily Samuels, Jessica Marcu, Joanne Hazel, Sade McCaw & Gail Edwards

Public Notification: Notice of meeting sent to Amsterdam News for addition to Events Calendar (December 4, 2023) and added to OCS website (December 4, 2023). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met via Zoom at 6:00pm.

Adoption of November Board of Trustees' Minutes

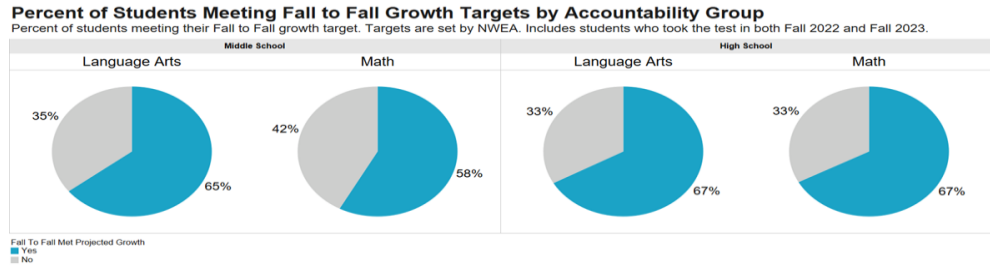
A vote to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor and no dissensions.

OCS Report to the Board

- Leonard Goldberg, CEO
 - Admission Department Update
 - New Hire Ayisha Gomez, Assistant Director of Student Recruitment and Enrollment. She will be working with Krystal Vazquez, Admissions Supervisor and Kevin Dunn, Director of Student Recruitment and Enrollment. Ayisha is fluent in English and Spanish and comes to OCS from University Prep Public Schools, most recently, and Williamsburg Charter High School where she has experience in student recruitment, social media marketing, family and community engagement and enrollment management.
 - OCS 20th Anniversary
 - Sub-Committee Formation to be discussed further at the January Board meeting.
 - OCS School Happenings, Joanne Hazel, Middle School Principal & Interim High School Principal
 - Senator Cordell Cleare is scheduled to come to OCS on December 20 to teach the Participation in Government class to High School students.
 - Student Council members will be presenting on Climate Change to the school.
 - 11th grade students attended their first field trip since the COVID shut down and were very excited to visit the National Museum of the American Indian, Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House and the African Burial Ground National Monument.
 - Spirit Week is underway with a Holiday Seater Contest, Teacher/Student Swap (students dress like a teacher and teachers dress like a student), and annual cookie exchange.

- Sports Program Update
 - The soccer team was in the final match the last 3 years and won the championship this year vs. Summit Queens.
 - The girls’ volleyball team finished in 8th place and asking to play the spring season to practice more.
 - Flag football finished their season and will play again in the spring.
 - Basketball season is just beginning with a Varsity and JV HS boys’ team. There is also MS boys’ team and A 7th-12th grade girls’ team
 - Track will be offered in the spring for all grade levels.

- MAP Testing Data Analysis, Sade McCaw, Deputy Head of School
 - These are nationally normed assessments that we use for Math and English. MAP Growth Assessments allow us to see individual growth projections and determines students’ strengths and areas of growth for each standard. Students are assessed three times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring). Data is used for IEP Notes, to inform instruction and show progress.
 - Results:



Executive Session

The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss Legal and Personnel Issues.

Communication from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.