True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberger at 12:05 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken and a quorum was found present.

Trustees Present:  Josh Phillips
      Geoffrey Rosenberger
      Jim Ryan
      Rebecca Sumner
      Ron Zarrella
      Jean Howard
      Kevin Walker

Trustees Absent:  Dana Lehman
      Jim Gleason

Also Present:
      Anna Hall  Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester, Troy, and Boston
      Laura Wilkinson  Director of Operations, High School
      David McBride  Principal, High School
      Michael Sherry  Associate Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester
      Eric O’Connor  Regional Special Projects Coordinator, Uncommon Schools Rochester
      Paul Powell  Associate Managing Director, Uncommon Schools Rochester
      Brett Peiser  Chief Executive Officer, Uncommon Schools

Approval of Minutes

The following motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2015, board meeting.

      Motion: Jean Howard
      Second: Jim Ryan
      Vote: Approved unanimously
Public Comment

No public comments were made

Campus update- HS

David McBride provided an update on Rochester Prep High School, highlighting quarterly results and USI inspection feedback. Laura Wilkinson detailed activities of the RIT Partnership and provided an overview of the HS’s enrollment.

Uncommon Annual Report

Brett Peiser gave an overview of the five year Strategic Plan for Uncommon, with the overarching goal of Achieve, Expand, and Impact). He also talked about the Home Office survey and detailed the largest challenge around teacher recruitment in Rochester. Mr. Peiser then took questions from the board members.

AMD Update

Paul Powell presented Rochester Prep elementary and middle school academic results which included data on quarter two assessments and STEP data. Mr. Powell also provided an overview of the recent USI inspections.

Facility Update

Anna Hall gave an overview of facilities. Rochester Prep will plan to open the 3rd elementary school. The auction was won for 305 Andrews and Uncommon will begin renovations as soon as possible with the plan to occupy the space this fall, 2016. The renovations of the building at 432 Chili Avenue are going according to schedule and within budget. Ms. Hall also noted that Uncommon is still in conversation to purchase school 36 from the City of Rochester, but that we would likely not occupy the building in the fall, 2016. Ms. Hall then detailed that the High School would start to occupy the 2nd floor at 175 Martin Street starting next fall.

Financial Update

Ron Zarella provided an update on Q2 finances noting that enrollment has been consistent, and being understaffed has resulted in an increase of our budgeted surplus.

Meeting adjourned

Motion: Rebecca Sumner
Second: Jim Ryan
Vote: Approved unanimously