

True North Rochester Prep Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

2021-2022 Uncommon Schools Rochester Prep Board Meeting # 4

Roll Call

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

Trustees Attending Remotely:

Location: Zoom

Geoffrey Rosenberger, Chair
Joshua Phillips
Rebecca Sumner
Ebony Miller-Wesley
James Ryan
Ron Zarrella
James Costanza
*Rebecca Sumner left the meeting at 11:28am**

Trustees Absent:

Carlos Carballada
Langston McFadden, Esq

Also Present Remotely:

John Claypool	Associate Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Paul Powell	Assistant Superintendent, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Christie Raymo	Director of Campaigns, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Tocarra Hughes	Regional Senior Director, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Chantal Phillips	Regional External Affairs Coordinator, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Kris Hirsh	Principal, West Campus Middle School
Moira Hill	Director of Operations, West Campus Middle School
Tara Marlovits	Chief External Officer, Uncommon Schools, Inc.
Maya Roth Bisignano	Assistant Superintendent, Uncommon Schools, Inc.
John Powell	Sr. Director. of Financial Mgmt., USI
Thomas Bennington	Sr. Project Manager, DBI

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Board of Trustees Geoffrey Rosenberger.

Approval of January 2022 Minutes

The following motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Geoffrey Rosenberger

Second: James Ryan

Vote: Approved unanimously

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

School Leaders Campus Update

School Principal, Kris Hirsh, reflected on their campus' 2021-2022 theme, milestones, and academic results. He expressed that this school year marks the 10 years of service for their Charter. Mr. Hirsh highlighted in-person their academic courses and extracurricular activities. Mr. Hirsh shared the state of their school's academic progress. School Director of Operations, Moira Hill, discussed the student morale and culture for the 2021-2022 school year.

Academic Update

Assistant Superintendent, Paul Powell, presented on the Rochester Prep college matriculation, emphasizing on the high school student enrollment projections and college persistence for the classes of 2018-2021. Mr. Powell took a deeper dive with discussing the root causes of the analysis outcome and discussed possible resolutions that will continue to strengthen Rochester Prep college preparation process.

Compliance Update

Associate Chief Operating Officer, John Claypool, presented health and safety updates emphasizing the decline in reported COVID-19 cases in Rochester Prep. He also discussed action steps taken by Rochester Prep to be in compliance with statewide discontinuation of mask mandate requirement in schools. Mr. Claypool reported on the state of security and safety at Rochester Prep High School.

The State of Uncommon Update

Tara Marlovits, Chief External Officer acknowledged achievements across Uncommon Schools during the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Marlovits shared that the Home Office team conducted an organization-wide survey for all staff members and how they will respond to the data. Mrs. Marlovits shared the Uncommon Schools 2022 - 2023 school year areas of focus and improvement.

Finance Committee- Trustee Ron Zarrella

Ronald Zarrella, Chair, Finance Committee discussed the financial health of Rochester Prep. Specifically, Mr. Zarrella presented an overview of True North Rochester fiscal year 2022 budget.

Compensation Update

Tocarra Hughes, Regional Senior Director discussed the restructuring of the Uncommon Schools compensation plan and its rollout for the organization. John Powell, Sr. Director. of Financial Mgmt.,

USI, discussed how Rochester Prep's financial team implemented the new compensation scale and how they added it to the preexisting financial system.

Facilities Committee- Trustee Ron Zarrella

Facilities Committee Chair, Ron Zarrella shared an update on topics discussed by the Facilities Committee and reviewed the progress of renovations and improvements scheduled during FY22. He highlighted that the traffic analysis for 432 Chili Ave and 85 Saint Jacob Street is complete and the results were satisfactory. He also noted the progress of the high school construction project at 14 Mark Street, expressing that the project is nearing completion. Mr. Zarrella discussed the progress with the Rochester Prep High School Athletic Field acquisition project. The Board discussed the progress of the realtor for the project.

Development Committee Meeting Update- Trustee James Ryan

Facilities Committee Chair, James Ryan presented on recent development efforts and activity, noting that the RPHS capital campaign has raised \$6.5M of \$7M goal. He expressed there was another approximately \$150k raised since the December Board Meeting while working to secure other pending proposals.

Meeting adjourned

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Jim Ryan

Second: Ebony Miller

Vote: Approved unanimously

The meeting concluded at 11:46 AM.