

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 10, 2019  
MINUTES

A Student Achievement & Support Committee meeting was held on January 10, 2018, in the Board Committee Room of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street, Suite 101.

The meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

**Co-Chair Dr. McIver** called the roll and made announcements concerning recording, copyright, participation in, and viewing of the meeting.

**Committee Members present:** Co-Chair McGinley, Co-Chair McIver, Julia Danzy, Mallory Fix Lopez, Dr. Maria McColgan.

**Committee Members Absent:** 0

**Other Board Members Present:** President Wilkerson, Vice President Walker, Leticia Egea-Hinton, Student Representative Julia Frank, and Student Representative Alfredo Pratico.

**District Liaisons Present:** Dr. Shawn Bird, Christina Grant, and Dr. Malika Savoy-Brooks.

The minutes of the **December 6, 2018** meeting of the Student Achievement & Support Committee were considered for approval by Committee members. A voice vote approved the minutes of the meeting by a vote of: Yes: 5 and No: 0.

**Dr. McIver**, stated that the minutes have been approved and are posted to the committee's webpage.

**Christina Grant**, Interim Chief of Charter Schools, provided a [brief update](#) to share that Independence Charter School has withdrawn its amendment request. Additionally, she outlined the next steps in the new charter application process.

**Dr. Malika Savoy-Brooks**, Chief of Academic Supports, presented an overview of the [high school strategic planning process and early findings](#). **Committee Members** asked questions and expressed viewpoints regarding next steps in the planning process and related to the essential questions outlined in the presentation.

**Tonya Wolford**, Chief of District Evaluation, Research and Accountability, provided a [presentation on the School Progress Report \(SPR\)](#). **Committee members** asked questions regarding the Achievement and Progress domains within the SPR.

**Dr. Shawn Bird**, Chief Schools Officer, provided an update on the [System of Great Schools](#) process. **Committee members** asked questions to clarify the hiring process for teachers in schools that are part of the SGS process.

**Dr. McIver** invited **Dr. Bird** to highlight this months Action Items that are affiliated with the Student Achievement & Support Committee. **Dr. Bird** highlighted [Action Items 3 Contract with Magnum Integrated Marketing - School District Recruiting Marketing Campaign](#), [Action Item 10 Contract with Children's Literacy Initiative, American Reading Company, and Scholastic to Support Literacy Development](#), and [Action Item 11 Contract with WestEd Professional Development for ELL Instruction](#).

**Committee members** asked questions related to [Action Items 3](#) to clarify the need for the contract and the impact the work done by the firm has on District recruitment strategies. Committee members also asked question related to [Action Item 11](#) and the District's strategy to measure the effectiveness of the program. **Dr. Bird** invited **Allison Still**, Director of Multilingual and Multicultural Programs to answer questions related to [Action Item 11](#).

**Committee members** also received an update from Dr. Bird on the proposed [Academic Calendar](#) for the 2020-2021 academic year.

**Dr McGinley** facilitated the public participation portion of the meeting.

**Valeria Harteg**, HIAS Pennsylvania, submitted written testimony (attached) on the topic of English Learners.

**Cheri Micheau**, community member, requested the Student Achievement and Support committee hold a separate meeting on supports for English Learners along with some recommendations.

**Maura McNerney**, Education Law Center, shared concerns about supports provided for English Language Learners.

**Michael Bly**, Managing Director for Philadelphia Charters for Excellence, highlighted the mission and goals of the Philadelphia Charters for Excellence and thanked the Charter Schools Office and committee for their work.

**Lisa Haver**, community member, shared her concerns related to the System of Great Schools presentation and expressed her opinion in regards to [Action Item 10](#).

**Mama Gail Clouden**, community member, asked for clarification on the enrollment of students at Locke School. Additionally, she asked for information on demographics of the students served by Career and Technical Education programs.

**Committee members** made a recommendation to the Superintendent to withdraw Action Item 3 [Action Items 3 Contract with Magnum Integrated Marketing - School District Recruiting Marketing Campaign](#) and Action Item 11 [Contract with WestEd Professional Development for ELL Instruction](#) from the January Action Meeting agenda for further discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

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