



Vertus Charter School

COURAGE, LEADERSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY

Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character.

Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018

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21 Humboldt St.

Board Members in Attendance: Evan Gallina, Mike Mandina, Stephen Jacobs, Victoria Van Voorhis, and Bryan Hickman via Videoconference

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak

Guests in Attendance: Timothy Brown

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:34am.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Evan Gallina, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Minutes from the November Board Meeting.

Julie Locey presented the Month-at-a-Glance report; discussing the Blazer Ceremony, upcoming Regents Exams, MCC Admissions Night, student's academic progress, and an upcoming Alumni basketball game. Julie highlighted the POINTII Program that our guidance department is implementing towards our goal of college and career readiness. Bryan Hickman and Julie Locey then requested that each Board Member provide Julie with a list of possible community partners who could be potential employers for students prior to the next Board Meeting in January.

Bryan then led a conversation about attendance, highlighting the importance of the Preceptor role. He requested that Julie bring an actionable plan to the next Board Meeting in January detailing how we can continue to improve student's attendance.

Jason Trzeciak led a brief discussion around the Board Statistics Report, Enrollment/Recruitment/Retention Report, and Board Financials.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Mike Mandina, Vertus Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, has voted to select Timothy J. Brown as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on January 1, 2022, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Timothy J. Brown is adopted upon NYSED's approval.

Julie led a review of the NWEA baseline data, which highlights the starting point of our freshman class compared to last year's class. Based on the scores, Vertus created a new Reading Comprehension course to help students get caught up

Bryan Hickman then led a discussion about the Board's Strategic Plan with a focus on career preparation vs. college readiness. Mike Mandina talked about possible grants available for apprentice programs, and Bryan Hickman discussed the future board composition and the importance of diversity, academic oversight, leadership oversight, financial oversight and fundraising, enrollment and recruitment, and



parent engagement. He also discussed the importance of the Board's oversight of facilities, student attendance, and school culture and atmosphere.

Stephen Jacobs moved to adjourn, seconded by Victoria Van Voorhis at 8:26am.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for January 23, 2018 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester