



Vertus Charter School

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Vertus Charter School prepares leaders of character.

Board Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2019

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21 Humboldt St.

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Mike Mandina, Evan Gallina, Todd Oldham, Victoria Van Voorhis, and Timothy Brown

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

Upon a motion by Mike Mandina, seconded by Evan Gallina, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Minutes from the March Board Meeting.

Julie Locey presented the Month-at-a-Glance Report, focusing on attendance and continuing efforts to increase the overall attendance rate. The conversation went on about the impacts of the lack of attendance on the group of students who have the lowest attendance rate, and what can be done to ensure they are still working on Edgenuity even when absent; Victoria Van Voorhis suggested an incentive for students who show progress.

Jason Trzeciak briefly discussed the Statistics Report, resulting in a conversation about the increase in the number of students suspended in March. Jason went on to discuss the Retention/Enrollment/Recruitment Report which shows that the recruitment team remains on track to meet the enrollment goals for the 2019-20 school year. Vertus also continues to retain students at a higher rate than in previous years. Bryan Hickman also went on to discuss the number of ELL students and how we can continue to increase the number as we enroll for the 2019-20 school year.

Jason Trzeciak presented the Financial Report, highlighting that Vertus is running about 2% under expected expenses, but delays in SpEd tuition payments are reflected in the less than expected revenue.

Bryan Hickman led a discussion about setting up meetings with the Finance Committee to continue to work on the 2019-20 fiscal year budget. Evan Gallina and Tim Brown agreed to meet with Jason Trzeciak over the next several weeks to finalize the budget to present to the Board at the May meeting.

Julie Locey discussed the results of our visit to NYSED in Albany on Tuesday, April 24th. The meeting was very positive and we learned a lot about what we can do to ensure future charter renewals, as well as how we can more accurately present our student data going forward.

Bryan Hickman moved to adjourn, seconded by Victoria Van Voorhis at 8:35am.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for May 22, 2019 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester