



Vertus Charter School

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Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2018

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21 Humboldt St.

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Mike Mandina, Todd Oldham, Stephen Jacobs, and Linda Clark

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Dr. Leigh McGuigan, Julie Locey, Jason Trzeciak

Guest in Attendance: Lyman Millard

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

Upon a motion by Stephen Jacobs, seconded by Linda Clark, the board unanimously resolved to approve the minutes for the January 22nd meeting.

Julie Locey presented the CEO Month-at-a-Glance Report, including a discussion about student attendance and solutions to busing issues that were contributing to poor attendance this winter. Julie presented an overview of Regents Exam results for the January administration, displaying various data points to demonstrate a highly successful test session, including comparisons to other charters and district schools, as well as pass rates by Exam, Preceptor teams, and House. A discussion about how to boost our lower exam scores (ie. Earth Science) ensued, as well as the different types of diplomas available to special education students (Safety Net options), and how they are earned.

Julie Locey transitioned the conversation to a discussion of the projected graduation rate for Vertus' seniors, showing a better than 75% expected graduation rate based on our measurements (transfer student adjusted rate); just under 65% based on the state's calculations which start with the first time a student entered 9th grade.

Dr. McGuigan led a discussion about our Board Statistics scorecard, highlighting the "On Track to Graduate" addition which demonstrates the percentage of 3rd and 4th year students who are expected to graduate in their 4th or 5th year.

Evan Gallina discussed our fundraising efforts, focusing on the upcoming 3 on 3 basketball tournament, which is shaping up to be quite successful. He also raised the issue of the Board's commitment to contributing \$10,000 as a fundraising goal, and how we could expand the board in hopes of creating a school that makes the top of the list for potential future donations.

Jason Trzeciak briefly discussed the January Financial Report, including a discussion about the cash being tight due to a delayed SPED Payment from the RCSD resulting in drawing down the Line of Credit to ensure payroll is covered.

Bryan Hickman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for March 26, 2018 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester