



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

21 Humboldt Street
Rochester, New York 14609

Tel (585) 747-8911
Fax (585) 254-1251

Board Meeting Minutes November 20, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Bryan Hickman, Evan Gallina, Stephen Jacob, and Victoria Van Voorhis

Vertus Staff in Attendance: Julie Locey, and Jason Trzeciak

Bryan Hickman called the meeting to order at 7:35am.

Upon a motion by Victoria Van Voorhis, seconded by Stephen Jacobs, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the October Board Meeting.

Julie Locey briefly presented an overview of the past month, including some staffing changes. Julie went on to discuss her current round of 15 minute conversations with each of the staff and the benefits she's seeing. She also provided the Board with copies of the Vertus literary magazine, *Files From the Furnace*, created last year by the Creative Expressions class.

Victoria Van Voorhis lead a discussion updating the Board on the pending Charter Revisions due in December. She highlighted multiple conversations with various representatives from NYSED and the Board of Regents. She talked about NYSED's concerns with the accuracy of previously submitted data, and how Vertus should present data in the future; specifically around reporting to which grade a student is assigned.

Julie Locey then presented the 5 year graduation rate for the 2015 cohort which is estimated at 84%, and the 4 year projected rate for the 2016 cohort at 77%.

Jason Trzeciak presented the Cash Flow Report, highlighting a larger than project High Cost Aid payment and an improved outlook. The conversation went on to discuss potential funding opportunities that have recently arisen, and specifically for what Vertus can request grant funds.

Jason finished the meeting with a quick overview of our current enrollment which has increased since the previous Board Meeting.

Evan Gallina moved to adjourn, seconded by Stephen Jacobs at 8:37am.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 21 Humboldt St., Rochester