Democracy Prep Baton Rouge

Minutes
Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday November 15th, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Location
The Louisiana Community and Technical College System Office, 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Directors Present
E. Martin, A. Goodart (d’Aquin), E. Campbell, C. Lamond

Directors Absent
M. Walters, T. Allen, J. Richey

Guests Present
N. Trivers, K. Anker,* L. Jones Easton, M. Gieg, A. Ntem,* C. McKinley

* Conference line
I. Opening Items

1. **Record Attendance and Guests**

2. **Call the Meeting to Order**

   Eddrick Martin, Board Chairperson for Democracy Prep Baton Rouge, called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Democracy Prep Baton Rouge to order on Friday, November 15th, 2019 @ 5:07 PM at 265 South Foster Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

C. **Approve Minutes**

Ms. Lamond made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 1st, 2019 Board Meeting.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

D. **Public Comments:**

None Applicable

II. Governance and Material Items

A. **Handbook Update to Discipline Policy**

Michelle Gieg, Executive Director of Democracy Prep Baton Rouge, reviewed the proposed discipline policy shift in the 2019-2020 Scholar and Family Handbook. She highlighted the proposed addition to this year’s handbook: codifying DPBR’s restorative discipline practices in alignment with one of the school’s 2019-2020 school year priorities of decreasing the suspension rates.

The Board deferred the vote to the December 3rd Board meeting to allow for additional review time.

B. **Fundraising Goal Discussion**

The Board asked if the targeted fundraising goal is subject to be amended based on DPBR’s enrollment data each school year. Natasha Trivers, Chief Executive Officer of Democracy Prep Public Schools (DPPS), clarified that the targeted fundraising
goal is based on 10% of DPBR’s current budget. Ms. Trivers assured the Board that developing the fundraising goals is a collaborative process.

Ms. Trivers highlighted that the DPPS Board members are also fiduciaries who want to ensure that schools are not in a bind and would not be in a position to take out loan, lay off a teacher or deal with any financial intricacies due to not having a secured reserve.

Allyson Goodart (d’Aquin), DPBR board member, motioned to approve DPBR’s commitment to their fundraising goal: to raise $570,000 each year beginning in FY2021.

Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the DPBR’s new fundraising initiatives.

C. Memorandum of Agreement

Kent Anker, Executive Vice President of Democracy Prep Public Schools, reviewed the current draft of the Memorandum with the Board. Mr. Anker highlighted that the updated management fee amount owed to DPPS from DPBR in FY2019 is $783,122.49. Mr. Anker said he would distribute a new draft with the amended number.

Allyson Goodart (d’Aquin), DPBR board member, motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement pending amendments to the unpaid management fees of $783,122.49 owed to DPPS from DPBR in FY2019.

Mr. Martin seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the Memorandum of Agreement.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted, E. Martin