

Hilltown Cooperative Charter Public School

Annual Meeting

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 6:30 pm

Location: HCCPS, All School Space

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome, agenda and procedure – Kathleen S. Read Mission Statement	Kathleen S. welcomed people to the meeting, and reviewed the agenda and procedure. Chris was assigned as listkeep. Sara read the mission statement.	
Approval of 2022 Meeting Minutes	Emily asked if anyone had changes to the 2022 annual meeting minutes included in the meeting packet. No changes noted.	Dan moved to approve the minutes; Tala seconded; the minutes were approved by consensus.
Announcement about artwork display and Slide Show about FOH gift of kiln and art that has been produced from it– Laura D.	Laura announced that artwork is displayed throughout the school and presented a brief slide-show about the school’s new kiln which was donated by FOH.	
Chorus Performance	Chorus, as led by Nick, performed two songs.	
JEDI Group Activity	Kathleen S. spoke about the JEDI work the school is doing and feedback the school got from the equity audit last year, noting strengths and areas of growth. Kelly Vogle facilitated a group activity regarding JEDI, which included defining the terms of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and what that might look like at the school.	

<p>Hilltown Harmonies Performance</p>	<p>Hilltown Harmonies, as led by Felicia, performed two songs.</p>	
<p>Reports: Statement from Board President (Kathleen) GABS Committee Report (Sara) Facilities Committee Report (Chris) Finance Committee Report (Rich) Personnel Committee Report (Dan) LRP (Dan) JEDI (Natalia K.) Friends of Hilltown (Natalia K.)</p>	<p>Kathleen made a statement on behalf of the Board and expressed gratitude for the Hilltown staff and parents. She talked about the role of BOT. She shared the BOT’s notable accomplishments during the past year. She reminded everyone that Board and committee meetings are open to the public and encouraged people to attend.</p> <p>Sara summarized the work the GABS committee has done this year. Chris Korczak spoke about the work of the Facilities Committee. Rich Senecal shared the Finance Committee report. Dan Klatz shared work the Personnel and LRP committees have done. Helen Korczak shared the work the JEDI committee and the Friends of Hilltown has done.</p> <p>(See annual committee reports in meeting packet).</p>	
<p>Appreciations</p>	<p>Tala offered appreciation to departing BOT members Sara, Chris, and Dan noting their unique contributions to the board. Tala thanks Kathleen S. for her role as BOT president over the past year, noting her dedication and hard work. Tala thanked the entire BOT and all committees for their work.</p> <p>Kate S. appreciated Laura as the Director of Teaching and Learning. She thanked Cait Browne, former Director of Student Support. She acknowledged and sent well-wishes to Rashida who is out on medical leave. She appreciated the staff and parents who have stepped up in Rashida’s absence to help with events at the school. She thanked departing staff member Tori, as she leaves the school to pursue further education. And she thanked the entire Hilltown staff for their dedication and hard work.</p>	

<p>Proposal + Election of New and Continuing Board Members (GABS)</p>	<p>Emily presented the candidates who would be new to the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kelly Vogel 2. Lisa 3. Ben Carlis 4. Stacy Guifre 5. Lisa Smith-Hamilton <p>Each candidate made a statement about why they would like to join the BOT and what they would bring.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the slate was approved to the board by simple majority.</p> <p>Emily presented the candidates who would be serving a second term:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tala Elia 2. Kathleen Szegda <p>A vote was taken and the members serving a second term were approved to the board by simple majority.</p>	
<p>By-laws: Emily and Tala</p>	<p>Two by-law amendments were proposed (see full texts of by-laws in meeting packet).</p> <p>Emily proposed a change in the language of by-laws to include the team “caregiver.”</p> <p>Tala proposed a change in the by-laws regarding the grievance procedure.</p> <p>A vote was taken to approve each of the by-laws, and each passed by simple majority.</p>	
<p>Rock Band Performance: Nick</p>	<p>Rock Band, as led by Nick, performed two songs.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.</p>	