



**KIPP ACADEMY LYNN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL AND
KIPP ACADEMY BOSTON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 26, 2020 | 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of **KIPP ACADEMY LYNN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL and KIPP ACADEMY BOSTON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL** (collectively, the “Schools”), a body politic and corporate created and existing under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 89, convened at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 2020 via Zoom, held remotely in compliance with Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, at which a quorum of the Trustees was present. The following Trustees were noted present by roll call: Amanda Seider, Joel Abramson, Shenkiat Lim, Michael Kendall, Doug Borchard, Tom Beecher, Luis Gondelles, Ivelisse Gonzalez, Jennifer Davis, David Daniel, Shellina Semexant Rhonda Nikki Barnes, and Stephanie Oliveras.

The following Trustees were absent: Paul Ketterer and Matt Fates

Additional participants: Annabelle Feliz, Laurie Kennedy, Lovette Curry, Stephen Pizzimenti, Coretta Martin, Linda Sewnarine, and Jay Galbraith.

Seider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presided throughout the meeting. Coretta Martin kept the minutes of the meeting. Seider ascertained that sufficient Trustees were present at the meeting, and that, accordingly, a quorum existed.

After welcoming the Trustees who were present at the meeting, Seider then presented the agenda as follows: (1) Welcome and Icebreaker; (2) Safe and Strong Start; (3) Review Board Next Steps; (4) Consent Agenda.

1. Welcome and Icebreaker

Seider welcomed all participants to the meeting. Martin then lead the board in an icebreaker exercise, where groups shared what they had in common and then came back as whole group to share similarities. The ice break then lead the board into a review of the school year’s strong start.

2. Safe and Strong Start

Barnes reviewed the guiding principles that frame safe and strong start for the organization and began by sharing the family survey results with the board. The results for the survey, which had 297 respondents, found that 68.4% of families were in support of remote start. While 42.1% were supportive of an in-building plan once we return to in person learning. The survey found



that families were most concerned with transportation and lack of PPE materials for students. Overall , 88.6% of families felt that KIPP MA has communicated effectively with them during the summer.

Barnes also reviewed the school day hours for SY20-21, school hours were based on family preference and input. The finalized school hours allowed for Elementary and Middle school to function under the same schedule 8:00am through 4:00pm with asynchronous learning from 1:00pm-4:00pm. School hours for the High school allowed for a 9:00am through 4:00pm with asynchronous learning from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

KIPP MA developed five working groups to provide an opportunity for input and feedback on five critical organizational areas for the 2020-2021 school year. These working groups were led by a Regional Leadership Team Member and included teachers, parents, school-based staff, school-based leaders, and others. Over the summer and throughout August all five working groups have met multiple times to create plans for safe and strong start. These groups will continue to meet throughout the first semester of the school year.

To prepare for a safe and strong start KIPP MA has ensured it's facilities received upgrades to the HVAC systems, transformed all water fountains, hand sanitizers and restrooms to touchless. Purchases of masks, PPE, thermometers and student desk shield we made in preparation for in person learning once applicable. In addition, KIPP MA has purchased nearly 1,200 Chromebook for students to ensure one to one devices and has purchased over \$75,000 dollars in student supplies.

KIPP MA applied to several grants to support the needs of students and families impacted by COVID-19. Pizzimenti shared grant updates with the board, including grants provided by the KIPP Foundation and DESE.

Lastly, Galbraith and Sewnarine reviewed the student and family remote learning experience through Canvas. Galbraith lead the board in a demo showing how students experience remote learning through out their school day, through synchronous and asynchronous learning times. Sewnarine then sampled the different instructional content students might have in a day depending on their grade level.

3. Review Board Next Steps

Martin lead the board in next steps and how board members can support funding for food insecurity, housing insecurity and childcare for KIPP students and families. Martin noted a survey option for board members to better asses any question the board might have about the first two weeks of school, she also noted an opportunity to review the response in the upcoming board retreat.



4. Consent Agenda

After discussion, the board, by unanimous roll call vote, took the following action:

VOTED: To approve the July Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes.

Seider opened the floor for discussion. The Board did not present questions or comments. The Board voted by roll call as follows:

Seider: YES, Barnes, YES, Abramson: YES, Lim: YES, Kendall: YES, Borchard: YES, Ketterer: YES, Beecher: YES, Gondelles: YES, Gonzalez: YES, Davis: YES, Oliveras: YES, Semexant: YES, Daniel: YES.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

List of Documents Used at the Meeting ***(These documents must be retained by the public body, but do not need to be physically stored with the meeting minutes.)***

- 2020.08.26 KIPP MA Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda
- 2020.08.26 Strong Start Updates
- 2020.07.29 KIPP MA Board Meeting Minutes- DRAFT

Amanda Seider

[Board Secretary]