

## **Persistence Prep Board Meeting Minutes**

June 20, 2024 8:30-10:00am 378 Urban Street Buffalo, NY 14211

## Mission

Through rigorous academics, high-quality instruction and leadership development, Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School ensures that all K through 8 scholars are firmly on the path to succeed within a four-year college and create positive change within their communities.

Subject to applicable law and to any adopted regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker, members of the public shall have an opportunity at the meeting to directly address the Board of Trustees of Persistence Prep concerning any item in this notice during the public comment period. Members of the public and all other interested parties are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person at the above-described location. Individuals wishing to speak at a Board meeting must sign up at the meeting, using the signup sheet provided by Persistence Prep. There will be no sign ups in advance of the meeting. Speakers must sign up prior to the item being acted upon by the Board.

Meeting Called By:	ET @ 8:34am	Goals of the Meeting:
Board Member Attendees:	Elisha Tomasello	Review & approve
	Darnell Haywood	May 2024 financials
	Chris Ciechoski	Approve SY 24-25
	Jen Zorn	Annual Budget
	Kevin Celniker	Discuss upcoming
	Rebecca Izzo	school needs:
	Nicole Wodka-Cook	facilities,
	Bobbie Finocchio	development, etc.
	Adrianna Viverette- via Zoom	Review enrollment
		progress & continue
Board Members Absent:	Aaron Bennett	discussion around
	Brandi Haynes	school branding
	Zach Melas	Review BOT
		workplan & progress
		to goals
		Plan for upcoming
Members of Public Present:	None	golf tournament
		fundraiser

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	NOTES	TIME	ACTION
I. Welcome			8:30am	
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair	ET @ 8:34am	8:30am	
II. Public Comment	Chair	No members of the public present	8:30am	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		8:35am	
A. Approval of: April Meeting Minutes, Committee Meeting Minutes				VOTE  1st: KC 2nd: RI  FOR: ET, DH, CC, JZ,  KC, RI, NC, BF  AGAINST: N/A  ABSTAIN: N/A
IV. Committee Updates & Fundraiser Update	Board Chair Committee Chairs	<ul> <li>Golf fundraiser going wellover \$35k raised to date</li> <li>Governance- quarterly meeting to be held in July</li> <li>Academic- will meet to</li> </ul>	8:40am	

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		review EOY data in July		
		<ul> <li>Finance- budget has been</li> </ul>		
		reviewed		
IV. Review & Approval of May 2024	Treasurer	<ul> <li>May 2024 Financials</li> </ul>	8:50am	VOTE 1 st: JZ 2nd: CC
Financials		<ul> <li>May 2024 narrative</li> </ul>		FOR: ET, DH, CC, JZ,
		<ul> <li>No major changes in any variances</li> </ul>		KC, RI, NC, BF AGAINST: N/A
		<ul> <li>Remain positive to budget by over \$600k</li> </ul>		ABSTAIN: N/A
		Strong current ratio		
V. Annual Budget Approval	Head of School	<ul> <li>24-25 Budget Summary</li> </ul>	9:00am	VOTE
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Board Treasurer	<ul> <li>24-25 Budget Assumptions</li> </ul>		1 st: RI 2nd: JZ FOR: ET, DH, CC, JZ,
		<ul> <li>Addition of 7<sup>th</sup> grade</li> </ul>		KC, RI, NC, BF
		• 5% raise to all staff		AGAINST: N/A
		New roof in July 2024		ABSTAIN: N/A
		<ul> <li>Recommended approval by Finance Committee</li> </ul>		
VI. Head of School Report/ Dashboard	Head of School	Monthly Data Dashboard	9:20am	
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		<ul> <li>Facility &amp; Development</li> </ul>		
		Updates – attended BFNHS meeting about land purchase		
		<ul> <li>Enrollment/recruitment</li> </ul>		
		updates- still working on		
		Kinder enrollment		
VII. Board of Trustees Development	Head of School	Review monthly recurring	9:35am	
VII. Board of Troslees Development	Development Committee	donation		
	Comminee	Golf Tournament- commit to		
		<ul><li>ways to support</li><li>Board expertise summary</li></ul>		
	Board Chair	24-25 BOT Goals	9:45am	
VIII. BOT Work Plan & Goals	200.0.0.0	<ul> <li>Reflect on progress made to</li> </ul>		
		date		
IX. Board Annual Calendar 24-25	Head of School	<ul> <li>Proposed 24-25 Calendar</li> </ul>	9:55am	VOTE
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		Thursday mornings and		FOR: ET, DH, CC, JZ, KC, RI, NC, BF
		Friday lunch		AGAINST: N/A
				ABSTAIN: N/A
X. Closing Items			10:00am	
	Chair			
A. Next Steps	Head of School			
		Meeting adjourned @ 9:42am		VOTE
B. Adjourn Meeting				1 st: KC 2nd: BH
				FOR: ET, DH, CC, JZ,
				KC, RI, NC, BF AGAINST: N/A
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				ADJI AIN: IN/A
		Executive session not needed		ABSTAIN: N/A
X. Executive Session		Executive session not needed		ADSTAIN: N/A