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| **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:** | Kevin Celniker @ 4:33pm | **Goals of the Meeting:**   * Review & approve January 2023 financials * Review academic data & action plan (interims & test prep) * Review & approve annual Form 990 * Discuss progress on renewal, state audit, enrollment and staff recruitment * Discuss Special Education related services and charter school law |
| **Board Member Attendees:** | Chris Ciechoski |
|  | Ken Newsom |
|  | Nicole Wodka-Cook |
|  | Adrianna Viverette |
|  | Kevin Celniker |
|  | Jen Zorn |
|  | Rebecca Izzo |
|  | Aaron Bennett |
|  | Catherine Roberts |
|  | Darnell Haywood |
|  | Derrick Parson |
|  | Elisha Tomasello |
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| **Board Members Absent:** | Zach Melas |
|  | Bobbie Finocchio |
| **Members of Public Present:** | Brandi Haynes, CAO, Potential Trustee |
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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **LEAD** | **NOTES** | **TIME** | **ACTION** |
| **I. Welcome** |  |  | 4:30pm |  |
| A. Call the Meeting to Order | Chair | KC @ 4:33pm | 4:30pm |  |
| II. **Public Comment** | Chair | Brandi Haynes- potential trustee; strong community advocate, CAO employee | 4:30pm |  |
| **III. Consent Agenda** | Chair |  | 4:35pm |  |
| A. Approval of: January Meeting Minutes, Committee Meeting Minutes (finance) |  |  |  | **VOTE**  **1st:** JZ **2ND:** CR  **FOR:** CC, NW, AV, KC, JZ, RI, AB, CR, DH, DP, ET  **AGAINST:** N/A  **ABSTAIN:** KN |
| **IV. Review of January 2023 Financials** | Treasurer | * January 2023 Financials * January 2023 narrative * No new variances; current ratio remains strong | 4:40pm | **VOTE**  **1st:** KN **2ND:** RI  **FOR:** CC, NW, AV, KC, JZ, RI, AB, CR, DH, DP, ET, KN  **AGAINST:** N/A  **ABSTAIN:** N/A |
| **V. Approval of Form 990 Filing** | Head of School  Finance Committee | * Draft Form 990 * No edits to draft; approved for submission | 4:50pm | **VOTE**  **1st:** KN **2ND:** AB  **FOR:** CC, NW, AV, KC, JZ, RI, AB, CR, DH, DP, ET, KN  **AGAINST:** N/A  **ABSTAIN:** N/A |
| **VI. Head of School Report/ Dashboard** | Head of School | * Monthly Data Dashboard- enrollment dipped due to family relocation- in process of making offers for new students * February Management Report * 23-24 Application Dashboard- overall, applications up from previous years | 5:00pm |  |
| **VII. Academic Data: Interim #3, Test Prep & Action Plan** | Head of School | * Interim dashboard- showing steady growth across the year; student investment and effort has risen dramatically * Early literacy plan of support – strongest teachers pushing into 1st grade for support * Test prep plan – daily practice passages tied to incentives; mastery is rapidly growing on 1-2 passages, working on stamina for full length assessment | 5:15pm |  |
| **VIII. Special Education Overview** | Head of School  Director of SPED & Scholar Supports | * SPED Overview- related services * Charter School Law- SPED * Current landscape at PPA: have providers from both Buffalo Public and BH &S * First year Buffalo has provided service providers * Anticipate a bill from BPS at close of year for services * BPS is only district in NYS that does not pay for related services for students at charter schools | 5:30pm |  |
| **IX. Closing Items** |  |  | 6:00pm |  |
| A. Next Steps | Chair  Head of School | * Complete committee interest survey * Board Annual Giving campaign |  |  |
| B. Adjourn Meeting |  |  |  |  |
| **X. Executive Session** |  | Executive session motioned for @ 5:31pm to discuss possible litigation; joined by Anna Hall, Michael Good and Kirsten Barclay  Executive session ended and Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm |  | **VOTE**  **1st:** KC **2ND:** CR  **FOR:** CC, NW, AV, KC, JZ, RI, AB, CR, DH, DP, ET, KN  **AGAINST:** N/A  **ABSTAIN:** N/A  **VOTE**  **1st:** DH **2ND:** JZ  **FOR:** CC, NW, AV, KC, JZ, RI, AB, CR, DH, DP, ET, KN  **AGAINST:** N/A  **ABSTAIN:** N/A |