

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 @ 8:41am	Goals of the Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & approve October financials Review enrollment, staffing, and start of school updates Discuss facility needs and necessary next steps Review state test comparison data Plan for Development/ Fundraising opportunities
Board Member Attendees:	Kevin Celniker	
	Jen Zorn	
	Zach Melas	
	Adrianna Viverette	
	Aaron Bennett	
	Darnell Haywood	
	Zack Kibler	
Board Members Absent:	Elisha Tomasello	
	Brandi Haynes	
	Bobbie Finocchio	
	Chris Ciechoski	
	Nicole Wodka-Cook	
Members of Public Present:		

AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	NOTES	TIME	ACTION
I. Welcome			8:30am	
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair	Kevin Celniker @ 8:41 am	8:30am	
II. Public Comment	Chair	No members of the public present	8:30am	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		8:35am	
A. Approval of: October Meeting Minutes				VOTE 1 st : ZM 2 ND : DH FOR: KC, JZ, ZM, AV, AB, DH, ZK AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
IV. Committee Updates	Committee Chairs Head of School	Finance: In process of compiling loan refinance package to present to lenders	8:40am	

		Facilities: space planning underway; awaiting foundation expert analysis Development: planning of meat raffle underway; successful Thanksgiving dinner campaign to support families		
V. Review of October 2024 Financials	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2024 Financials • October Narrative • No major variances to note; some timing differences 	8:50am	VOTE 1 st : ZM 2 ND : ZK FOR: KC, JZ, ZM, AV, AB, DH, ZK AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
VI. Head of School Report/ Dashboard	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Data Dashboard • Management Report – enrollment holding steady to budget • Development Ideas – January meat raffle planning underway 	9:00am	
VII. State Assessment Comparison Data	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Comparison Dashboard • PPA showed growth in ELA and significant growth in Mathematics • Outperformed the district in all places; state in some • Outperformed/ on pace with comparison schools within Buffalo 	9:20am	
VII. Board Goals: Progress Check	Board Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 BOT Goals Tracker • Focus area: trustee recruitment 	9:40am	
IX. Closing Items			10:00am	
A. Next Steps	Chair Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bell Weather Board Matching- awaiting further details from NYCSA 		
B. Adjourn Meeting		Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15am		VOTE 1 st : AB 2 ND : ZK FOR: KC, JZ, ZM, AV, AB, DH, ZK AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
XI. Executive Session		Executive session not needed		