

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes (Virtual) Marion P. Thomas Charter High School of Culinary and Performing Arts 125 Sussex Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

December 20, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET Zoom:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Open Public Meetings Act - 6:12

• The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act ("Act") was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place there of posted on the district's website (www.mptcs.org), in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in July 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

• The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Vincent Rouse	\checkmark		Julio Valdivieso	\checkmark	
Dashay Carter	✓		Allan Boomer	\checkmark	
Jasonn Denard	\checkmark		LaSonya Nevius	\checkmark	
Briana Gilchrist	✓				
Dr. Princess Towe	✓				

Non-Voting Board Members Present								
Elijah Griffiths (Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)							
Angela Mincy, Chief School Administrator/Superintendent	Michael Falkowski (School Business Administrator)							



3. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Discussion:

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4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Discussion:

- Want to thank Superintendent and Assistant Sup, appreciate the transparency. Congratulations to student of the month(s). Thank you to the student body representative(s), I would love to see this more often. (Carter)
- Attendance for rates of students with disabilities was the quarantine time included (Carter)?
 - Not exactly if they're receiving virtual instruction, they're considered remove present (Mincy
- Science A large percentage of students rated chronic/need a majority of support. Are the students not receiving the support they need? (Carter)
- Breakdown of Teachers that are Highly Effective, Effective would be helpful to identify where we need to provide more support (Carter)
- For Students who did not test what is the alternative plan so that we can have the testing data as well? (Carter)
 - NWEA/MAP and alternative diagnostics. A program/system where all students can be tested. In addition to reading screeners (reading Plus, k-8 screeners given 3x year) (Abbeleo)
- Encouragement to parent to sign waivers for scholars to get tested (COVID testing) offer competitions/incentives by grade level (Carter)
- I agree and will further encourage parents to sign the waiver for scholars to get tested! (Nevius)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee (Boomer)
- Personnel Committee (Carter)
- Curriculum & Instruction (Denard)
- Culture & Climate (Gilchrist)
- Alumni (Gilchrist)
- Operations (Gilchrist)

6. RESOLUTIONS



I. <u>2021-12-20-A: A</u>	<u>pproval</u>	of the	Nove	mber 2	<u> 22, 202</u>	<u>21 BOT Meeting N</u>	<u> 1inutes</u>				
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Dashay Carter		\checkmark				Allan Boomer		\checkmark			
Jasonn Denard		\checkmark				LaSonya Nevius					
Briana Gilchrist		\checkmark									
Dr. Princess Towe **		\checkmark									
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Briana Gilchrist		\checkmark									
Dr. Princess Towe**		\vee									
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IV. <u>2021-12-20-D: A</u>	<u>pprova</u>	l of the	<u>Dece</u>	mber 2	2021 V	<u>'endor Bill List</u>					
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Dr. Princess Towe		\checkmark									
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2021-12-20-E: Approval of Perkins Grant Field Trips

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Dashay Carter		K				Allan Boomer		K			
Jasonn Denard		V				LaSonya Nevius		V			
Briana Gilchrist		N									
Dr. Princess Towe **		N									

Discussion:

• Hope we're considering COVID testing data. Maybe we should hold until get our numbers back down (Gilchrist)?



VI. 2021-12-20-F: Approval of Essex Regional Home Instruction Contract SY 21-22												
Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	
Vincent Rouse		\checkmark				Julio Valdivieso		\checkmark				
Dashay Carter **		\vee				Allan Boomer		\checkmark				
Jasonn Denard		V				LaSonya Nevius		✓			N	
Briana Gilchrist		\vee										
Dr. Princess Towe		\checkmark										
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Vincent Rouse		\checkmark				Julio Valdivieso		\checkmark				
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Jasonn Denard		\vee				LaSonya Nevius		\checkmark			\vee	
Briana Gilchrist		V										
Dr. Princess Towe		V										
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Dashay Carter **		\checkmark				Allan Boomer		\checkmark			
Jasonn Denard	\checkmark	\checkmark				LaSonya Nevius		\checkmark			
Briana Gilchrist		\checkmark									
Dr. Princess Towe		✓									
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Jasonn Denard		V				LaSonya Nevius		\checkmark			
Briana Gilchrist		V									
Dr. Princess Towe		V									
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Dashay Carter						Allan Boomer				\square	
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Briana Gilchrist	\checkmark	\checkmark									
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Discussion: 2021-12-20-L: Acceptance of the Grant from New Jersey Children's Foundation SY 21-22 XII. Abstain Absent Voting Members Motion Abstain Absent **Voting Members** Motion Yes No Yes No Julio Valdivieso Vincent Rouse $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Allan Boomer Dashay Carter \square \square LaSonya Nevius Jasonn Denard ** $\sqrt{}$ \square Briana Gilchrist \square Dr. Princess Towe \square Discussion: XIII. 2021-12-20-M: B. Feit Insight LLC (contract) (NJCF Grant SOW) SY 21-22 Abstain Absent Voting Members Motion Abstain Absent **Voting Members** Motion Yes No Yes No Vincent Rouse Julio Valdivieso \square \square Dashay Carter ** Allan Boomer \square $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Jasonn Denard LaSonya Nevius \Box \square Briana Gilchrist \square Dr. Princess Towe \square Discussion: XIV. 2021-12-20-N: CSA Authorization for Virtual Staff Operations (COVID Planning) SY 21-22 Abstain Absent Voting Members Motion Abstain Absent **Voting Members** Motion Yes No Yes No Vincent Rouse □Julio Valdivieso Dashay Carter Allan Boomer \square П П $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ П Jasonn Denard \square \square Г ☐LaSonya Nevius $\overline{\mathsf{V}}$ П

Discussion:

Briana Gilchrist **

Dr. Princess Towe

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- Brief overview on why this is important and how this will role out?
 - Guidance will come to the district from NJDOE if in the event to initiative remote-instruction and operations, this resolution is to be prepared to be able to do so.



7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Cassandra Johnson-Torres Teacher, PAC Academy
 - Student COVID consent i believe those forms just got sent home. Maybe if we can offer an instructional video, it may encourage parents to fill them out. What is the COVID protocol if a student is tested positive. What are the appropriate forms/processes for communications? We need more intervention for scholars to move the needle. Substitute teachers we should offer larger incentives and acknowledge where we're at as a district compared to other districts.
- Lynette Tannis
 - Really appreciate all of the positive things we've heard tonight! As a visual learner, in preparation for speaking tonight I was thinking about my trip to South Africa & learning during a partide, district etc.,. - when they found out Queen Mary was.... I think back to Queen Mary riding in that motorcade.
- 8. CLOSED SESSION -

9. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Have a great evening! Committees thank you for meeting. Please come to the next meeting with a committee report.

22. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:58 PM ET

Respectfully submitted at: 12/20/2021

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths