

## **Red Clay Consolidated School District**

Public Hearing for Charter School of Wilmington Review Committee

> December 4, 2018 Red Clay District Office 6:30 p.m.

## **Agenda**

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Review of Information:
  - a. Explanation of the Committee's Responsibilities and Purpose
  - b. Discussion of Committee Meetings and Work Groups
  - c. Review of Criteria Findings as required in Title 14, Section 500 of the Delaware School Code
- 3. Comments from the Public

## SUMMARY/ MINUTES- PUBLIC HEARING- CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON- 2018 RENEWAL

Date- December 4, 2018

Location- Red Clay District Office

Time- 6:30 pm

- I. Introductions- Each of the attendees introduced themselves. Meeting attendees included: Sam Golder, Jason Casper, Pati Nash, Derek Abbott, Samuel Paoli, Angeline Rivello, Donna Urban, Chris Eddy, Jed Desmond, Kendall Massett, Yvonne Johnson, Brooke Balan, Kate Klemas, Darlene O' Neill, Jennifer Ballas, Kelly Coffey
- II. Sam Golder explained the purpose of the public hearing and read the applicable section from Delaware State Code.
- III. Sam Golder described the process for the Red Clay Charter Renewal Committee. The 2018 committee members were: Sam Golder, Hugh Broomall, Harold Shaw, Sarah Celestin, Gerri Marshall, Ted Boyer, Debbie Roberts, AJ Nowell
- IV. Sam Golder reviewed the committee findings as required in Title 14, Section 500 of Delaware Code. (committee report is public and on the Red Clay website)
- V. Sam Golder asked for comments from the public.
  - a. Kate Klemas- spoke in favor of a ten year renewal, citing the school's history, their outstanding academic performance and Sussex Academy's 10 year renewal.
  - b. Kendall Massett- spoke in favor of a ten year renewal, citing tremendous achievement at CSW. Ms. Massett explained that a ten year renewal would show that Red Clay valued theschool.
  - c. Kelly Coffey- spoke of her personal experience with her own two students, which has been very positive. Ms. Coffey explained that parents move into Red Clay so they have a chance to attend CSW.
  - d. Brooke Balan- spoke of her personal family situation, which has been positive at CSW. She highly recommends a ten year renewal.
  - e. Jen Ballas- spoke in favor of a ten year renewal. She referenced the number of opportunities at CSW and said the school is an example of what a school should be.
  - f. Darlene O' Neill- spoke of CSW as a selling point for Red Clay. Ms. O'Neill also said a ten year renewal would allow the school time to work on other important initiatives like professional development.

- g. Yvonne Johnson- a long time supporter of CSW and Red Clay, Ms. Johnson echoed everyone's positive sentiments, mentioning the grest education her own daughter received at CSW. Ms. Johnson also told the group that Senator Sokola would like to replicate the CSW model other places.
- VI. Sam Golder closed the meeting at approximately 7:10.