

**URBAN CHOICE CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022**

Present: Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Nicole Reinhardt, Taj Smith

Absent: Mubarak Bashir, Bliss Owen

Media Notification: The Democrat and Chronicle was notified of the July 14, 2022 meeting on July 11, 2022. Zoom link was also shared with staff members and posted on the UCCS website.

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 p.m. by Miriam Miranda-Jurado and the Mission Statement was shared.

Motion 220714.1 Upon a motion by Taj Smith and duly seconded by Nicole Reinhardt, the following was submitted for approval: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approve the June 6, 2022 BoT Minutes.

Voting in the affirmative: Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Nicole Reinhardt, Taj Smith

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 220714.1 passed 3 to 0

CEO’s REPORT – Lynn McCarthy

- Enrollment: 389
 - Close in our younger grade levels with 45 in second and 46 in third
 - Wait list at 8 as of June 30, 2022
 - Wait list empty for kindergarten students
 - Good Schools ROC requested wait listed students
 - Getting new applications consistently so our wait list continues to grow
 - Looking to be in good shape for opening at 400
- Inquiry about data for ELL and Students with Disabilities

- SPED added three new students in upper grades
- Some are leaving due to placement needs for more intense services
- First Wednesday in October, those identified and classified to be counted towards enrollment numbers for 2022-2023
- Attendance was inconsistent in June
 - Vacations, long weekend camping trips
 - Leadership will be focusing on getting attendance up to 95% in the new school year
- Review of June discipline data
 - One ATS and four OSS
 - OSS due to major fight with two females and two others getting involved
 - Violent actions

Carl Parris:

- Deep dive to look at a correlation with behavior issues with remote students for the 2020-2021 school year
 - Correlation with behavior and iReady data this year
 - Students with referrals
- Need to identify a plan so that upon return and breaking up into groups, we can hit the ground running with supports in place
 - Preferential seating arrangements
 - Individual work
 - Breaks
 - Check in a.m. and p.m., classroom jobs and incentives/positive rewards
 - Familiarize students with early successes
 - Plans for UCCS graduates to high school students
 - ✓ Ten students are unsure
 - ✓ Need to make sure that students and parents are ready with planning going forward
 - ✓ Grade Eight meetings in October or November
 - ✓ Getting information put together and providing contacts early

Amy Rawleigh-Schiavi:

- Joyful Celebrations were held in June
 - 8th grade:
 - ✓ Students went to Dave and Busters
 - ✓ Eighth grade students marched through the halls as our entire school cheered them on
 - Family members waited in the gym and greeted their students
 - Celebrated accomplishments
 - Kindergarten classrooms were also celebrated

- ✓ Dancing and singing
 - ✓ Sharing the learning
 - ✓ Gathering and celebrating
- UCCS is currently in the middle of the Summer Bridge Program
 - It is going very well
 - Amazing staff
 - Successful beginning
 - Transportation
 - Food Service
 - Custodial Staff
 - Students are jumping off the buses with smiles on their faces
 - Three intentional areas of focus:
 - ✓ Reading, writing, mathematics
 - ✓ Students working in groups
 - ✓ 5, 6 and 7th graders are working on writing a novel
 - ✓ Younger students are focusing on comprehension and writing skills
 - Afternoon allows for creativity for about 80 students
 - ✓ Teamwork
 - ✓ Relationship building
 - ✓ Communicating and working together
 - ✓ Students participate in different field trips every Friday
 - ✓ Students look forward to attending programs together
 - Mandrick Crawford is doing an amazing job
 - Received a lot of positive feedback from families, students, and staff
 - Final day will be on July 29 - celebration at 1:30 p.m. with a bounce house, water slide, obstacle course, cook-out with hamburgers and hot dogs and chips and drinks – BoT members are welcome to join
- BoT inquired about summer school invitations and population participating
 - Leadership confirmed it was open to all students and there was a waiting list
 - There was a cut-off date for applications
 - Based on staff, number of students to be served was determined
 - Approximately 25 students were on the wait list
 - The majority on the wait list were contacted due to some students not showing up
 - Did not turn anyone away
 - Tried to accommodate
 - Focus for students most in need
 - Afternoon program – families providing transportation – 75% of the population are staying
- 2022-2023 School Year
 - Continuing interviews for classroom teachers
 - ✓ Most important resource is the classroom teacher in front of our children
 - Director of Curriculum and Instruction
 - ✓ Implemented an ELA and Math curriculum
 - ✓ Seeing great results and need to move that forward
 - Working with partners – ELL consultant, Special Education consultant
 - ✓ Intentional work

- ✓ Solid plan that is meaningful
- Charter Revision - enthusiastic and optimistic – goal is to secure a five-year renewal
- Excited about curriculum work that is happening
- Master schedule
 - CEO and Principal working to ensure that there is additional time for all students in both ELA and Math
 - ✓ Students need this additional time while teachers are supported with tools and resources
- Assessment calendars are being finalized
- Conversations with ELA coordinators
- Professional Development
- Family communication/welcome letters to be released in August
 - Opportunity for the Board to be included in the welcome letter
- Inquiry from board member related to volunteers in the building
 - Opportunities are opening up for the new school year
- iReady
 - Assessments three times this year
 - Baseline to the end of the year
 - 129 grew at least one grade band
 - Math - 191 grew at least one grade level band this school year
 - We are showing growth
 - Implemented a new curriculum this year
 - ✓ No dip for implementation
 - However, not where we want to be
 - ✓ Wanting growth in 100% of our students on grade level or a minimum of at least one grade level progress in one school year
- Looking at our resources – must push our resources into the classrooms
 - In the past, Reading and RtI created groups outside of the classrooms
 - ✓ Will push these resources into the classrooms
 - K-3: Ensuring that we are closing gaps
 - ✓ We must get students on grade level by third grade
 - Putting teams together to work together this summer
 - Creating a classroom walk through to support
 - ✓ Coaching along with this plan
- Professional Development Calendar being created to build those relationships
 - Core team of eight that are going to help us with that
 - Must be our focus as we move forward for our students
- Present in our classrooms
 - Expectations set that we are all teachers of the reading, writing and the mathematics

Michael Samuel:

- Partnerships:
 - Kennedy Foundation is discussing ways they can help us with uniforms and purchasing some Chromebooks for our students

- More community volunteers in our school
- Collaborative meeting with the Urban League
- After School Program for the next school year
- African American history, songs and dances
- Black History Showcase in the month of February
- Smile Mobile scheduling – dental services

TREASURER’S REPORT – See Attached Report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Nicole Reinhardt

- No report this month

CHAIR REPORT – Miriam Miranda-Jurado

- No report this month

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

Motion 220714.2 Upon a motion by Nicole Reinhardt and duly seconded by Taj Smith, the following was submitted for approval: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and staff member at 7:22 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Nicole Reinhardt, Taj Smith

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 220714.2 passed 3 to 0

Motion 220714.3 Upon a motion by Taj Smith and duly seconded by Nicole Reinhardt, the following was submitted for approval: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees end Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Nicole Reinhardt, Taj Smith

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 220714.3 passed 3 to 0

Motion 220714.4 Upon a motion by Nicole Reinhardt and duly seconded by Taj Smith, the following was submitted for approval: RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Voting in the affirmative: Miriam Miranda-Jurado, Nicole Reinhardt, Taj Smith

Voting in the negative: None

Motion 220714.4 passed 3 to 0

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 11, 2022

Urban Choice Charter School
Treasurer's Report
06/28/22

The Finance Committee met on June 28th to review the May, 2022 financials.

For the eleven months ended May 31, 2022:

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Revenue	6,619,130	6,941,989	(322,859)
Expenses	6,153,197	6,459,668	(306,471)
Revenue over Expenses from Operations	465,933	482,321	(16,388)
PPP Loan Forgiveness	732,700	732,000	700
Revenue over Expenses	1,198,633	1,214,321	(15,688)
Total Assets	5,870,191	(includes cash of \$4,558,391)	
Total Liabilities	1,505,367		
Net Assets	4,364,824		

Our next meeting is July 25, 2022 at noon.