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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

KEVIN INGRAM, CHAIR

**Melinda Scott Krei, Desiree Pointer Mace, Gayle Peay, and
Glenn Steinbrecher**

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Thursday, November 12, 2015

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Roll call.
2. Review and approval of the minutes of the October 28th meeting.

Ms. Scott Krei moved, and seconded by Ms. Mallory, for approval of the minutes as amended.

*Ms. Scott Krei stated #6 the CRSC thought that keeping the probations.
There were no objections.*

3. [150544](#) Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School Review Committee.

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Susan Gramling, Children's Research Center, discussed the proposed changes to the CSRC educational monitoring practices and policies: including the standardized test results reporting requirements, teacher return and retention rates, alternative reading assessments, and the scorecard with the changes to the total possible points per measure.

Janice Aerith, Children's Research Center stated that both of the scorecards for the DPI weighted measures are now the same for elementary and high schools. The changes that were made are in line with DPI changes to the Aspire and ACT Plus Writing exams. The local measure points for ACT Aspire English and math are being used, instead of WKCE reading and math, and the points will increase on the scorecard.

Ms. Mallory asked if data was aggregated by race and sex. Ms. Aerith stated they are not being recorded because it has not be a request of the Committee. Ms. Mallory would like to see the comparison of African American boys compare to their female peers to determine what the Committee should be asking for in terms of data. Ms. Gramling stated the CRC would be able to look at the data and do a gender analysis and suspension report for the 14-15 school year, but going back and tracking students through all their years would be too cumbersome. Mr. Ingram said the Committee will figure out exactly what data is desired and will let the CRC know.

Public Comment:

Larry Hoffman asked why students are not tracked moving from charter schools to MPS. Ms. Aerith stated student information is confidential and DPI would not release the data. Mr. Hoffman asked if the definition of return rate and retention rate are the same as DPI. Ms. Gramling stated she was unsure if their definition was similar

because DPI and MPS do not record that data.

Ms. Scott Krei moved, seconded by Ms. Mallory to adopted the Proposed changes to the CSRC Educational Monitoring Practices and Expectations.

Jarret Fields presented the Charter Application Stage I. The application includes the submission requirements, prospectus guide, and the rubric the Committee will be using to score the applications. The prospectus puts the Committee's application in line with UWM charter school applications. Mr. Ingram asked if there has been discussions with the alderman regarding the impact on MPS. Mr. Fields stated he is still in the process of getting that information and has been in contact with districts around the country. Ms. Scott Krei stated she would like to see more information regarding whether the schools fills a need or is just duplicating an existing school. Ms. Mallory asked to change comfort to accessibility in item C, requirement 3. Ms. Scott Krei asked to add "how to meet the needs of the" after the "understanding of" to item D, requirement 2. Ms. Mallory stated in the duties/responsibilities of the Board evaluating the principal and CEO should be included in the governance structure in item F, requirement 4. Ms. Mallory asked to change "necessities" to "operational expenses" in item H, requirement 1. Ms. Scott Krei stressed the importance of sustainability. Ms. Mallory asked to add "long term sustainability" after growth, and striking "and support of school enrollment" in item H, requirement 2. Mr. Fields stated it is up to the Committee's discretion of how they want to rate schools, in terms of having a weighted rubric or just an approval/no approval. Mr. Ingram suggested looking at a the previous process to determine how the applicants are rated, he added that the Committee will look at the revised Application with the changes discussed. Mr. Steinbrecher stated he wants to add "budget of expenditures and revenues, and statement of cash flows" to the end of #11. Mr. Ingram stated applicants need to understand the challenges they will be facing, including the philosophy for educating students who many be years behind and understanding the community they will serve. Ms. Scott Krei asked to add "and lead to positive student outcomes" at the end of #5.

Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM

Meeting adjourned: 7:31 P.M.

Molly Kuether

Staff Assistant

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