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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, June 5, 2019

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Roll call.

*Meeting convened: 5:31 P.M.
Ms. Pointer-Mace and Mr. Burgos excused.*

2. Review and approval of the November 7, 2018 and March 26, 2019 minutes.

Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, for approval of the November 17, 2108 minutes. There were no objections.

Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, for approval of the March 26, 2019 minutes. There were no objections.

3. [170701](#) Communication relating to the 2017/19 activities of Milwaukee Collegiate Academy.

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Judith Parker, Principal and Archie Ivy, original Board Member and now CEO of Milwaukee Collegiate Academy. They are requesting the name change to honor Dr. Fuller.

Ms. Mallory moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, for the name change effective for the 2019/2020 school year. There were no objections.

4. [170705](#) Communication relating to the 2017/19 activities of Central City Cyberschool.

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*Christine Faulks - founder and former executive director
Jessica Schmansky - current executive director
Terrance Slaughter - Director of the high school who started May 1st
Fifty students will be students the first year, then adding 50 students each year. The focus will be on preparing students for college and work and will serve grades 9-14. Parents of current students had requested that the school be expanded to include a high school. The school received a \$750,000 state grant to fund the start-up of the*

school. The school follows the P-Tech model, which provides students with a high-school degree and actual work experience in the technology field and obtaining an associate degree. The school will be branded CYBER HIGH.

Each student will have a mentor and job shadow and workplace skills are integrated into the curriculum.

They expect to enroll 50 students by August. Currently they have 39 enrolled (36 coming from their 8th grade class). The first two years of the school will be run out of the former YMCA and then additions and students will be moved around as needed and as presented at the meeting. The final configuration will depend on their financial resources. They hope to get a New Market Tax Credit deal and are also looking at fundraising. The hope is to begin construction in the spring of 2020. They are looking at large, open spaces with movable tables, desks and chairs on wheels so very flexible. They are also creating an atrium space for a play area, as well as outdoor classroom area. They have talked with MATC about partnering with them. They have no visited any P-tech schools, but have looked at them online and hope to take the 3 new teachers for the school with them in July to visit at least the P-Tech school in downtown Chicago. The education is free for all students. The Housing Authority has been very supportive of the school and the Y was no longer able to financially keep the building. They will be recruiting 60 students knowing that not everyone will show up and attend. DPI doesn't require credits to graduate, but does require board-set standards to graduate, which the board is now creating. The teacher can create intervention groups as needed. Support staff will be shared with the existing school and staff added as needed. The professional support staff will need to stretch to serve the 50 additional students. The school intends to live within the funds set by DPI per-pupil. Ms. Mallory suggested expanding their board membership and also adding a Parklawn resident to that board. The grant does allow the school to buy a van, which would be useful for getting the students to MATC or job sites.

The school has been targetting Northwestern Mutual, Johnson Controls, Rockwell International, Harley Davidson and GE Medical Systems. Mr. Leazer recommended Fiserve. Ms. Mallory would like the school to serve under-served adults in the area to build their technology skills.

Mr. Slaughter's experience is in youth counseling and his passion has always been technology. He has an MBA.

5. [170703](#)

Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School Review Committee for the 2017-2019 school years.

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Ms. Gayle Peay referred member to the timeline contained in the file. A pre-application process was approved and now Ms. Peay is reviewing the application. She added 3-4 additional questions in each section. The application process hadn't been updated in 6-7 years. She also incorporated questions that DPI is asking. Ms. Mallory suggesting adding asking schools how they will recruit and retain a diverse staff. Ms. Peay will check whether the Council president prefer that the Financial Impact Statement be prepared earlier in the process rather than at the end. The school needs to meet the criteria for the first part in order to move onto the second part.

Mr. Leazer moved to accept the charter school application as revised with the one notation, seconded by Ms. Mallory. There were no objections.

Mr. Leazer moved to accept the draft evaluation document, as revised, seconded by Ms. Mallory. There were no objections.

Meeting adjourned: 7:11 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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