

Mission Statement

The mission of Detroit Community Schools is to awaken our students' highest aspirations and develop the capabilities they need to lead purposeful and productive lives. We believe that all students should be prepared to enter college, pursue a career or engage in other forms of meaningful work in our ever-changing global society. Therefore, we offer a rigorous educational program that integrates academic, artistic and experiential learning within a supportive community characterized by encouragement, collaboration and mutual respect.

Detroit Community Schools Board of Directors' Meeting April 24, 2014

MINUTES

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

No Performances

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Richard Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Robinson
Secretary Devlin
Member Stewart via phone
Treasurer Tobier

Absent: Vice President Mayes
Member Goss-Foster

QUORUM

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion: To accept the Agenda

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Tobier, Motion carried

Resolve: Agenda accepted and passed with no modifications.

OATH OF OFFICE

Dr. Robinson re-administered Oath of Office to Nicolas Tobier

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Consent Item A- Approval of Resolution ratifying Resolutions, Board Meeting agendas and Board Meeting minutes presented at March 27, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Consent Item B- Approval of Resolution Recommending 3 candidates for the DCS Board of Directors to Saginaw State University.

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion carried

Resolve: Consent items A – B approved

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Action Item A - To approve March 24, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes and Action Item B- To approve March 24, 2014 Closed Session Minutes.

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Tobier, Motion passed

Resolve: March 24 meeting minutes approved without modification.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: To receive Revenue and Expenditures through March 31, 2014.

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion passed

Resolve: Financial Report received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. McPhail discussed significant improvements of ACT testing scores. The school is still waiting for ACT reporting.

Supt. McPhail is still conducting teacher evaluations.

Supt. McPhail recognized student Nicholas Powell for winning The Gates Millennium Scholarship. Nicolas is 1 of 4 recipients in the State of Michigan.

Supt. McPhail congratulated student Omar Brown for his nomination for academic recognition as a Scholar representing Detroit Community High School and the State of Michigan at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders to be held November 14-16, 2014 in Washington, DC.

Supt. McPhail discussed MAPSA's extremely positive review on the school. MAPSA quoted, "The school leaders have an effective understanding of the instructional program. They work well as a team and individually and know the students by name across the K-8 spectrum."

Supt. McPhail announced that Patricia Peoples is currently interviewing expert instructors to assist teachers in K-8 that teach all subjects in class. Supt, McPhail is looking into Grants for this teaching program as well as Infrastructure Grants for the Middle School.

Supt. McPhail announced the beginning of our spring sports program. Detroit Community High School will begin Girls Track, Boys Track, Girls Softball and Boys Baseball. Our athletes will compete in contests, tournaments and meets. Our top athletes have made commitments to colleges across the U. S. The department is looking to titivate the middle school sports program by adding Girls Softball and Boys Baseball.

Supt. McPhail was very pleased to announce that on April 3, 2014, Detroit Community Schools had its Spring Parent - Teacher Conference with higher attendance than usual. It was recorded that 50% of our K-8 student's parents/guardians attended and 55% of our high school student's parents/guardians attended the conference.

Superintendent McPhail also briefly discussed the following initiatives:

- Arrival of prom dresses
- Prom will be held in the Riverside Ballroom at General Motors on Thursday June 12, 2014.
- The success of our Annual Rose and Candle Ceremony
- Talent Show at the Music Hall on Thursday May 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Tobier announced the school has a 3-D printer. The students are very intrigued and excited to learn this new technology.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 22, 2014 in the Chemistry Lab at 6:00PM.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

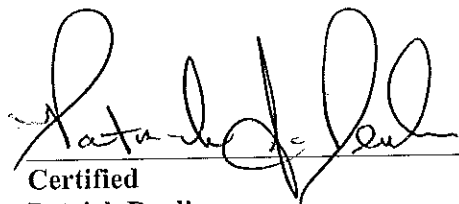
Gates Millennium Scholarship Winner Nicholas Powell and family thanked Supt. McPhail, DCS Board of Directors and DCS Staff members for contributing to Nicholas' success. Nicholas and his family attributed the positive changes that Supt. McPhail made to the school as a major factor in Nicholas's academic success. Board President Robinson congratulated Mr. Powell and told him that the Board will purchase a new computer for Nicholas.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Tobier, Motion carried

Resolve: Meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.



Certified
Patrick Devlin
Board Secretary