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**MINUTES FOR THE
MAYA ANGELOU PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 4, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Maya Angelou Public Charter School (“MAPCS”) held a Public Meeting on December 4, 2019 pursuant to notice duly given. The members who participated were Peter Leone, David Domenici, James Forman Jr., Michael Vu, Darren Cambridge, and Tom White. Also present were Robert Simmons, Leah Lamb, Azalia Speight, L’Tanya Holley, Adriana Rodriguez, Marvin Harden, Ashley Williams, Nathan Yufer, and Jahleezah Eskew.

Dr. Leone called the meeting to order at 5:10pm and Dr. Simmons shared some updates regarding:

- Changes at Public Charter School Board
- The Charter leaders of color movement in DC
- Dates for upcoming board meetings:
 - March 6, 2020, 1:00pm-4:00pm, The Academy
 - May 6, 2020, 5:00pm-8:00pm, Room 22 YALC (Public Meeting)
 - May 22, 2020, 10:00am–11:30am, Teleconference re: Budget

Ms. Rodriguez, Managing Director of Performance Management & Accountability, presented an overview of the School Rankings. Her report focused on the following:

OSSE Accountability

High School

Star Score – Alternative Accountability Framework

- Metric Scores for All Students
- Metric Scores for Student Groups

Public Display of School Data

- Discipline
- Mobility
- College Enrollment (new)
- Staff Data
- Financial Data (Spring 2020)

Young Adult Learning Center

No Star Score

- Public Display of School Data
 - Attendance
 - Discipline (removed)
 - Mobility (removed)
 - Demographics
 - Staff Data
 - Financial Data (Spring 2020)

DC PCSB Accountability

High School

No Tier – Alternative Accountability Framework
Data Display is Charter School Goals

Young Adult Learning Center

Tier 2 –Adult Education PMG
First Year of Revised Framework

- 1 Goal still Pending
- Still met 50% threshold

Similar domains as charter school
Met 50% threshold

Ms. Speight, Deputy Chief of Schools, gave an overview of current enrollment figures in all of the three schools. She noted that the Residential Program has “taken root as one of the primary anchors of positive school cultures.” She went on to state “the Houses have served as a smaller setting in which students have had the opportunity to team build, practice kindness, and compete against other Houses for attendance, citizenship, and academic incentives.”

Ms. Speight stressed that school leadership continues to address the violence and conflict from the external community that impacts our students lives in the following ways: “we are expanding our gender-based mentoring groups, engaging external partners to help students foster self-advocacy and coping skills, and increasing the number of exposure activities and trips outside of school/the community (arts, STEM, post-secondary, career).”

Lastly she reported out that The Young Adult Learning Center (YALC) has initiated a new pilot program in cosmetology this year. Students have been able to receive their esthetician license after successful completion of training hours. Also, in response to students’ comments that an evening schedule would allow them to attend courses/programming more regularly, the “Twilight” (5:00 to 8:00 pm) program has officially launched.

Mr. Harden, Deputy Director of Operations, presented some highlights to the Board including the desire to continue renovation of the auditorium at Maya hopefully with additional funding; the solar canopy in the school parking lot has been completed; and completion of the second floor health suite and administrative suite associated with the Stokes Elementary School is expected mid-December. Mr. Harden also confirmed that the See Forever Foundation office move to the High School and YALC has been completed.

Ms. Lamb, Chief Development Officer, noted the school visits by DC officials, Deputy Mayor of Education Paul Kihn and Councilman Trayon White, this fall. Mr. Kihn spoke to students, staff, and administrators about efforts to ensure the “safe passage” of DC students to and from school. Councilman White spoke to a government class discussing how the government works and encouraged the students to stay in school.

Dr. Leone reminded the Board about the continued development of MAPCS Board Initiative Teams. The purpose of these teams would be to:

The Board has proposed three priority topics to start with: fundraising, “telling our stories”, and strategic planning. The goal is to have members join one of these teams, help develop its own purpose statement/charter, and organize its work-plan. The progress of these teams will be discussed in future board meetings.

He also facilitated a discussion on new Board member recruitment efforts, asking members to be more involved in the process.

Dr. Leone adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.