



## TWO RIVERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 9, 2021

### Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the Two Rivers Board of Trustees started at 6:05pm via Zoom.

### Board Members

Clara Haskell Botstein, Chair	Present
Justin Valentine, Vice Chair	Present
Ash Zachariah, Secretary	Present
Saumil Shah, Treasurer	Present
Kimberly Eddings, Trustee	Absent
Malik Husser, Trustee	Present
Anne Lackritz, Trustee	Present
Anne McElwain, Trustee	Present
Lucas Pipes, Trustee	Absent
Nick Rodriguez, Trustee	Present
Eli Schlam, Trustee	Present
Matthew Steenhoek, Trustee	Present
Penelope Talley Thornton, Trustee	Present
Reem Labib Tyson, Trustee	Present
Kristina Kyles-Smith, Executive Director and Ex Officio	Present

### Others Present

Aurora Steinle, Chief of Staff  
Khizer Husain, Director of External Relations  
Michelle Kimso, Executive Assistant  
Zo Clement, MS SPED Teacher  
Nicole Clark, MS Social Studies Teacher  
Chelsea Dorgba, 7th grade student  
Dawnyela Meredith, Director of TR Connect  
Kate Stoll, Parent  
Jenny Bradbury, Parent  
Michele Walker, Parent  
Jennifer Congdon, Parent



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### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

The Board unanimously approved the February 9th meeting agenda.

### **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the January 12th Board Meeting Minutes.

### **New Business**

Director of External Relations Husain highlighted that on June 4th Two Rivers was declared an Anti-Racist organization. Teachers, students, parents, and staff displayed the fruits of their labor and shared how the Board could help in the process. Middle School Teachers, Teacher Zo and Ms. Nicole shared about Black Lives Matter Year of Action in Schools. There are 13 guiding principles which will be highlighted every 2 weeks. 7th grade student Chelsea shared her poem, 'Our Vote is Our Future'. Parents Jenny Bradbury and Kate Stoll shared the anti-racist work that parents are doing through Share Your DC, which started in 2016. Director of TR Connect Meredith highlighted the Race and Equity work amongst staff including Race and Equity Crews for staff, and Race and Equity Committee.

### **Old Business**

Executive Director Kyles-Smith shared that predominantly white families have contacted or reached out for office hours. A Black Moms Matter Coffee was held last Friday and Hispanic families will be invited to a coffee.

Chief of Staff Steinle shared about on-site activity. Learning Hubs have 26 students with 3 classrooms running, 4 days a week. PS3 students will start half-days on-site next week moving to full days the following week, serving roughly 16 students on each campus. Additionally, support services are being built on site, adding an audiologist. Two Rivers is offering onsite COVID-19 testing onsite for students every 10 days. Teachers can be tested for COVID-19 via mail. Staff who are on-site by the end of the month of February are eligible for vaccines.

### **Committee Reports and Discussion**

Chair Botstein shared that Executive Director Kyles-Smith midyear reflection went well with the Executive Committee. They will have another reflection at the end of the year.

Treasurer Saumil shared there are no contracts and no big updates for the Finance Committee.



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Executive Director Kyles-Smith shared that the virtual Gala is on April 30th at 7:00 The Development team is on target and on schedule.

Trustee Labib Tyson shared that the Academic Excellence committee check-in and plan for next committee meeting. Student data collection is in process. Will share out where they are.

Secretary Zachariah shared that the Governance Committee is looking to fill former Secretary Khawar's slot. They have continued to engage with Executive Director Kyles-Smith and Chief of Staff Steinle on school reopening risks.

Secretary Zachariah shared that the Transition chair is switching to Trustee Talley-Thornton. They will continue to be thought partners to Executive Director Kyles-Smith.

Trustee Schlam gave an overview of what DEI sees as a two prong approach to work with the Board and how the Board interacts with the school in setting goals in DEI. The Board will focus on cultural competency training for the Board, recruitment for new members, and equity for voice at meetings. The DEI committee will work with Executive Director Kyles-Smith on setting goals for DEI and tracking measurable output.

### **Adjournment**

The Board meeting was adjourned via vote at 7:19pm with one Trustee, Vice President Valentine abstaining.

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Secretary