

Mission

Through rigorous academics, high-quality instruction and leadership development, Persistence Preparatory Academy Charter School ensures that all K through 8 scholars are firmly on the path to succeed within a four-year college and create positive change within their communities.

Subject to applicable law and to any adopted regulations limiting the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker, members of the public shall have an opportunity at the meeting to directly address the Board of Trustees of Persistence Prep concerning any item in this notice during the public comment period. Members of the public and all other interested parties are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person at the above-described location. Individuals wishing to speak at a Board meeting must sign up at the meeting, using the signup sheet provided by Persistence Prep. There will be no sign ups in advance of the meeting. Speakers must sign up prior to the item being acted upon by the Board.

Meeting Called By:

Ken Newsom @ 5:30pm

Board Member Attendees:

Ken Newsom

Catherine Roberts

Kevin Celniker

Shatorah Donovan

Derrick Parson

Elisha Tomasello

Bobbie Finocchio

Darnell Haywood

Dan Green

Misha Russo

Amanda Winkelsas

Goals of the Meeting:

- Review & approve monthly financials, with focus on impact of new facility loan
- Assess school's return to hybrid instruction
- Reflect on survey data from families & staff and implications on 21-22 budget planning

Board Members Absent:

Tyler Mekus

Other Items –

Given the outbreak of COVID-19, the meeting will take place via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3490614230>

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AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	MATERIALS	TIME	ACTION
I. Welcome			5:30pm	
A. Call the Meeting to Order	Chair		5:30pm	

Persistence Prep Board Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2021
5:30 – 7:00pm
Via Zoom

II. Public Comment	Chair	<p>Joined by: Jasmine Mungo, Director of SPED Adria Sortino, Director of Operations Brittney Jacobs, BES Fellow & Proposed Founder of LUX Academy Charter School</p>	5:30pm	
III. Consent Agenda	Chair		5:35pm	<p>VOTE 1st: ET; 2nd: KC FOR: KN, CR, KC, SD, DP, ET, DB, DH, DG, MR, AW AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A</p>
A. Approval of: December Meeting Minutes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Meeting Minutes Committee Reports 		
IV. Committee Reports	Committee Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance: first loan draw received; BPS payment received; anticipating per pupil freeze or decrease- projections for 21-22 to begin in Feb Governance: no new updates Development: PPA Chronicles continue; facilities rollout committees Facilities: remain on schedule; bi-weekly site meetings; first draw completed successfully Academic: No new academic data this month- STEP testing is being completed & data will be reviewed next month 	5:40pm	
V. Review and Approval of Monthly Financials and Narrative	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2020 Financials Current ratio impacted by loan closure- board was anticipating this; cash reserves back up after January 1st Revenue remains positive variance due to higher than budgeted enrollment 	5:55pm	<p>VOTE 1st: BF; 2nd: DH FOR: KN, CR, KC, SD, DP, ET, DB, DH, DG, MR, AW AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A</p>
VI. Facilities Progress Update	Facilities & Finance Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain on schedule Board tour scheduled for 2/10 Facilities committee attending bi-weekly site 	6:10pm	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> meetings for oversight Windows, HVAC and low volt electrical currently areas of focus 		
VII. Management Report	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returned to Hybrid instruction on January 11th; 50% of scholars enrolled 3 weeks of COVID testing completed to date- 0% positivity 21-22 recruitment: ahead of goals; 66 applications to date Attendance for most truant families remains area of focus New assessment data will be available for board review in February 	6:15pm	
VII. Review of Survey Data	Head of School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 21-22 Intent to Return Results- all but one scholar intends to return to PPA at current time 21-22 Benefits Priorities Survey- staff requesting enrollment in NYS TRS- Finance Committee to investigate feasibility 	6:40pm	
XI. Closing Items			6:50pm	
A. Next Steps	Chair			
B. Adjourn Meeting		@ 6:34PM		VOTE 1 st : KC; 2 nd : AW FOR: KN, CR, KC, SD, DP, ET, DB, DH, DG, MR, AW AGAINST: N/A ABSTAIN: N/A
XII. Executive Session		Executive session if needed		