

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 16, 2023 – 12:00pm

CALL TO ORDER – 12:06 PM

I. PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING/NJ SUNSHINE LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Princeton Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be given by having the date, time and place mailed to the Clerk of the Municipality; advertised in Town Topics, Trenton Times & Reporte Hispano; mailed to the County Superintendent of Schools; posted in the faculty lounge and on the school’s website.

II. ROLL CALL

Voting Members	Role	Term Ends	Present	Absent
1. Stefanos Damianakis	Trustee - President	2024	X	
2. Rupal Kothari	Trustee -	2024	X	
3. Rakesh Kumar	Trustee	2024	X	
4. Jennifer Freedman	Trustee	2025	X	
5. Anita Misri	Trustee - VP	2025	X	
6. Irene Chiu	Trustee	2025		X
7. Olga Troyanskaya	Trustee	2026		X
8. Rishi Modi	Trustee	2026	X	
9. Sarah Rivett	Trustee	2026	X	

Also Present: Larry Patton, Head of School
Brian Falkowski, SBA

III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees move to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 19, 2023.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stefanos Damianakis		X				Anita Misri		X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar	2	X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett	1	X									

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

- RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the Head of School Report and approves the Head of School Recommendations.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stefanos Damianakis		X				Anita Misri	2	X			

Rupal Kothari		X			Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar	1	X			Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X			Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett		X								

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

1. To approve the following 2023-2024 Board Committees and members:

2023-2024 Board Committees	Chair	Member	Member	Member
1. Executive Committee	Stef	Anita	Olga	
2. Admissions	Rupal	Rakesh	Irene	Sarah
3. Curriculum and Programming	Olga	Jen	Sarah	
4. Communications & Community	Rupal	Rakesh	Jen	Irene
5. Facilities	Stef	Rakesh	Rishi	
6. Personnel	Stef	Anita	Rupal	Olga
7. School Climate	Jen	Olga	Sarah	Rishi
8. Finance	Stef	Anita	Irene	Rishi
9. Nominating	Anita	Olga	Rakesh	

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Stefanos Damianakis		X				Anita Misri	2	X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar	1	X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett		X									

VII. MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

1. Finance

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves all line item transfers up to August 16, 2023.
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the check register from July 20, 2023 to August 16, 2023.
- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees certify the payrolls for the following dates:
 - July 15, 2023 - \$53,539.25
 - July 30, 2023 - \$51,723.65
- d. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation from Freedom Prep Charter School as per the attached distribution list.
- e. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the donation from Bright Funds in the amount of \$200.00.
- f. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY24 ESEA & IDEA application as follows:
 - To approve FY24 IDEA Application
 - i. Basic - \$71,827.00
 - ii. Preschool - \$1,713.00
 - To approve FY24 ESEA Application
 - i. Title I-A - \$16,458.00
 - ii. Title II-A - \$6,348.00 Reallocated to Title I

- iii. Title IV Part A - \$10,000.00 Reallocated to Title I
- To approve the refusal of Title III funds.

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Stefanos Damianakis		X				Anita Misri		X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar		X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Rishi Modi	2	X			
Sarah Rivett	1	X									

2. Contracts - None

3. Personnel

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following New Hires:
 - i. Wes Laga, Drama Teacher, effective August 28, 2023
 - ii. Katrina Rakowski, Art Teacher, effective August 28, 2023
 - iii. Christina Peterson, Counseling Intern, effective TBD

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Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar		X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman	1	X				Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett	2	X									

4. Buildings & Grounds - None

5. Curriculum

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the following field trip requests for SY23-24:
 - Pennsbury Manor on October 24, 2023, for 4th Grade History - Cost \$0.00
 - Glassworks Crafting Studio on October 6, 2023, for Special Education grades K-3, students will learn to make art from glass and use skills in public speaking to give a group presentation – Cost \$760.00

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Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar	2	X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett		X									

6. Policies - None

7. Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) & Miscellaneous

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves the July 2023 HIB Report (none).
- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees accepts the August 2023 HIB Report (none).

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Rakesh Kumar		X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman	2	X				Rishi Modi		X			
Sarah Rivett		X									

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 12:59 PM

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Stefanos Damianakis		X				Anita Misri		X			
Rupal Kothari		X				Irene Chiu					X
Rakesh Kumar	1	X				Olga Troyanskaya					X
Jennifer Freedman		X				Rishi Modi	2	X			
Sarah Rivett		X									