

Damar Charter Academy  
Wednesday October 24, 2018  
5:00 PM  
Damar Charter Academy  
5125 Decatur Blvd  
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Attendance

Members:

Carlos Alexander  
Patty Edwards  
Charles Ellis  
Tifini McClyde  
Karen Snyder  
Allison Strother

Staff:

Dr. Jim Dalton  
Aimee Brown  
Elaine Showalter  
Julie Gurule  
Cora Collier  
Katie McCoy

Guests:

Kimberly Parker  
Mike Parker  
Paul Defrain  
John Caveda  
Jennifer Caveda

The meeting was brought to order at 5:05 pm by Carlos Alexander. Members, guests and staff were welcomed. Parents were introduced to the board of directors. The August 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

DCA hosted a Carnival for students so that parents could attend the board meeting.

Dr. Dalton announced the promotions of Elaine Showalter to CFO and Paul Dennison to Finance Director.

DCA reported 194 students on count day (Friday September 14, 2018). An attachment was included to show the breakdown of students enrolled by grade level.

The launch of the newly redesigned website coincided with the start of the new school year. New information and stories of success will be highlighted.

The Life Skills classrooms implemented a new curriculum and assessment program called Unique Learning System. This is an online and offline curriculum that will replace the former "Teachtown" curriculum.

A key card access system for the main entrance and the two interior door in the lobby area are being installed. DCA received a metal detector wand from IDOE. Proper protocols are in the

draft stage. Also a new PA system is being installed. The PA will insure consistent and timely communication.

DCA continues to practice soft drills and fire drills.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Educators Symposium hosted by DCA is planned for March 15<sup>th</sup>. Over 130 registrants have signed up.

DCA has been given a “no grade” for accountability in the 2017-2018 school year.

Ms. Joey Wright is recommended for a seat at the DCA board table. Ms. Wright is an attorney practicing at Harrison and Moberly, LLP. Members will meet with Ms. Wright in the next couple of days to further vet her candidacy.

DCA leadership continue to vet ideas for expansion opportunities. Schools lack the resources or expertise to serve students with learning and behavioral challenges. DCA and Damar have agreed to consider expanding the in-school educational mentoring program to Charter Schools. This program is used in the IPS and Damar partnership.

DCA is preparing an “Expansion Needs and Proposal” to specify the resources needed to grow DCA’s services in the form of replication or expansion.

For the months ending September 30, 2018, DCA had a positive margin from operations of about \$170K. The margin is above budget expectations by more than \$100K.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2018 at 11:30 am.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.