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| **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:** | Elisha Tomasello @8:32am | **Goals of the Meeting:*** Review & approve July 2023 financials
* Approve District Wide Safety Plan and provide feedback
* Review 2023-2024 School Readiness dashboard
* Approve updated credit card and fundraising policies
* Provide update on Special Education funding
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| **Board Member Attendees:** | Elisha Tomasello |
|  | Kevin Celniker |
|  | Zach Melas |
|  | Chris Ciechoski |
|  | Jen Zorn |
|  | Darnell Haywood |
|  | Nicole Wodka-Cook |
|  | Rebecca Izzo |
|  | Derrick Parson |
|  | Adrianna Viverette  |
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| **Board Members Absent:** | Aaron Bennett |
|  | Bobbie Finocchio |
|  | Brandi Haynes  |
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| **Members of Public Present:** | None  |
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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **LEAD** | **NOTES** | **ACTION** |
| **I. Welcome** |  |  |  |
| A. Call the Meeting to Order | Chair |  | Called to order at 8:32am by ET |
| II. **Public Comment** | Chair | No members of the public present  |  |
| **III. Consent Agenda** | Chair |  |  |
| A. Approval of: July Meeting Minutes, Committee Meeting Minutes |  | Review of July 2023 meeting minutes Finance committee met to discuss long-term financing and amendments to credit card policies  | **VOTE****1st: ZM 2ND: DH****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
| **IV. Review of July 2023 Financials** | Treasurer | * July 2023 Financials
* July Narrative
* No major concerns with any variances
* Timing differences to level out with heavy purchasing in summer months
 | **VOTE****1ST: JZ 2ND: KC****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
| **V. Review District Wide Safety Plan**  | Head of School  | * District Safety Plan approved
* Has been on website for public comment for 30 days
 | **VOTE****1ST: KC 2ND: CC****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
| **VII. Head of School Report/ Dashboard**  | Head of School  | * Monthly Data Dashboard
* 23-24 School Readiness Dashboard – need one additional hire
* Special Education Update – meeting with Nate Kuzma postponed; outreach to State Ed
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| **VIII. Approval of Updated Financial Policies**  | Head of School Finance Committee | * Audit Response Letter- reviewed by full board
* Credit Card policy
* Fundraising policy
* Policies updated in line with audit recommendations
* Updated policies to be included in Audit Corrective Action Plan
 |  **VOTE****1ST: RI 2ND: AV****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
| **IX. Approval of Annual Audit Engagement**  | Head of SchoolFinance Committee | * Lumsden McCormick Engagement Letter
* Approved for Lumsden to begin external audit
* Signed letter to be submitted and Kirisits to begin work with auditors
 | **VOTE** **1ST: JZ 2ND: KC****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
|  **X. Closing Items** |  | Meeting adjourned at 9:34am | **VOTE****1ST: KC 2ND: DH****FOR: ET, KC, ZM, CC, JZ, DH, NC, RI, DP, AV****AGAINST: N/A****ABSTAIN: N/A** |
| A. Next Steps | ChairHead of School | * First Day of School
* Back to School Night
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| B. Adjourn Meeting |  |  |  |
| **XI. Executive Session** |  | Executive session not needed |  |