



John Rex Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

November 15, 2018

This newsletter is created for the benefit of our families, staff, and the community in order to offer timely information related to recent JRCS board actions, discussions, or reports given at the most recent meeting.

These notes are highlights from the meeting listed above and should not be considered approved official minutes of the meeting.

Additional information about the Board of Directors, links to board policies & bylaws, as well as minutes from previous meetings may be found on our website located at www.johnrexschool.org

Board Directors Present

- Ellen Buettner
- Joe Clytus
- Kelly Feille, Ph.D.
- David Greenwell
- Phil Horning, Chair
- Kirk Humphreys
- Gary Jones
- Jennifer Monies
- Gail Vines

Next Regular Meeting

February 21, 2019
12:00PM
2nd Floor Conference Room
at Myriad Botanical Gardens
301 W. Reno

Presentations

Dr. Pierce shared information about the new Oklahoma school report cards from the SDE's Office of Accountability. The new report cards, available in December 2018, will have a new format and focus providing a snapshot of academic achievement and school improvement. Multiple indicators will showcase achievement, growth, English language proficiency progress, and chronic absenteeism. More detailed information may be found at <https://sde.ok.gov/accountability-assessments>

Consent Agenda Unanimously Approved

- Minutes from the September 2018 board meeting were approved.
- September & October, 2018 Financial Reports were approved.
- Purchase orders #123-132 for FY19 were approved.

Discussion & Action Item Highlights

- The 2019 Board of Directors meeting dates and location was unanimously approved. In 2019, the board will meet in the 2nd floor conference room at the [Myriad Botanical Gardens](#) located above the Crystal Bridge south lobby at 301 W. Reno.
- The 2019-20 school calendar was unanimously approved. School times remain the same and most major vacation breaks align with the new OKCPS school calendar. The JRCS calendar provides 1177 hours of instruction; thus, it exceeds the state minimum legal requirement of 1080 hours of instruction by 97 hours.
- The board discussed holding a Board "Retreat" (an open meeting/planning work session) in January 2019. Possible discussion topics were reviewed. A date will be set in the near future.
- Chairman Horning also discussed the board's Standing Committee roster for this year. Committees include: Community Outreach, Education & Technology, Development, and Finance/Operations.

John Rex Charter School Calendar: 2019-20

| Month | Su | M | Tu | W | Th | F | Sa |
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| July 2019 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| August 2019 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| September 2019 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| October 2019 | | | | | | | |
| November 2019 | | | | | | | |
| December 2019 | | | | | | | |
| January 2020 | | | | | | | |
| February 2020 | | | | | | | |
| March 2020 | | | | | | | |
| April 2020 | | | | | | | |
| May 2020 | | | | | | | |
| June 2020 | | | | | | | |

| Date | Event or Holiday |
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| August 7 | Orientation for New Teachers |
| August 8-9 & 12-13 | All Teachers: Professional Development & Work Days |
| August 14 | First day of school for students |
| Sept 2 | Labor Day Holiday (school closed) |
| Sept 3 | Teacher Prof Dev & Work Day (no school for students) |
| Oct 10 | Parent Conference Day (no school for students) |
| Oct 11 | Teacher Prof Dev & Work Day (no school for students) |
| Oct 14-18 | Fall Break (school closed) |
| Nov 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break (school closed) |
| Dec 23-Jan 2 | Winter Break (school closed) |
| Jan 3 | Teacher Prof Dev & Work Day (no school for students) |
| Jan 6 | Classes resume for students |
| Jan 20 | MLK Jr. Day (school closed) |
| Feb 17 | President's Day (no school for students) & Teacher Prof Dev/Work Day |
| March 12 | Parent Conference Day (no school for students) |
| March 13 | Teacher Prof Dev & Work Day (no school for students) |
| March 16-20 | Spring Break (school closed) |
| April 1-22 | State Testing: 3rd-7th Grades (exact dates of admin TBD) |
| April 23 & 24 | Downtown Arts Festival Days (school closed) |
| May 29 | Last day of school for students |
| May 21 & 22 | Teacher Record Day & Work Day (no school for students) |
| May 25 | Memorial Day (school closed) Summer break begins |

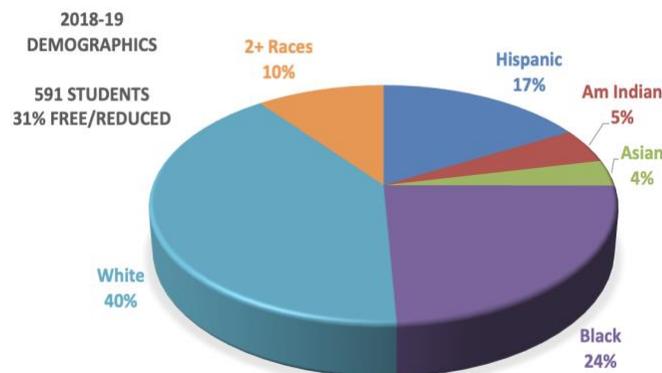
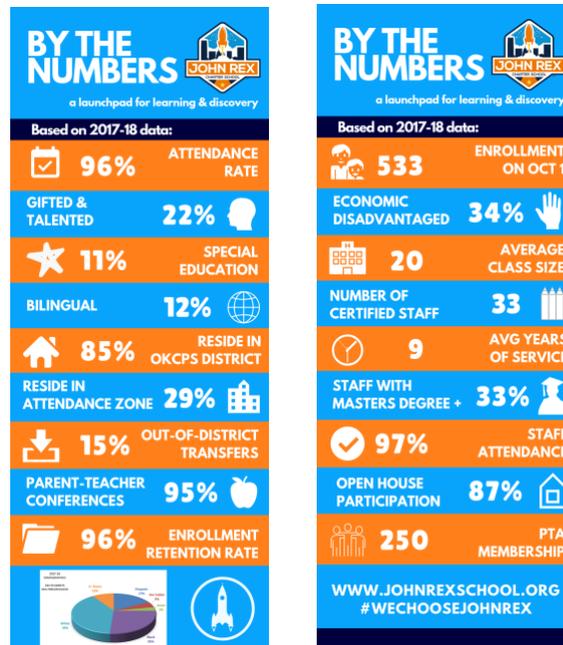
Head of School Report

Dr. Pierce shared an update on the opening of the Enable Midstream Innovation Station in room #300 in January 2019.

Mrs. Zacarias and Mr. Duffy gave brief updates on events and activities at the elementary and 6th grade campuses.

- Elementary Highlights: Enable Midstream mentors have begun. Two faculty groups recently met. A Teacher Advisory Team is now regularly meeting to offer feedback and input into site improvement decision-making topics such as the school calendar, purchases for classrooms, and curriculum improvements (e.g. emphasis on writing and the writing process)
- 6th Grade Highlights: Four students spoke to the board and shared their positive experiences with curriculum personalization and the Summit Learning platform.

Recent grant awards include gifts from **Continental Resources** (\$5,000) and the **Kirkpatrick Foundation** (\$1,500) Both will assist with purchasing STE[+a]M equipment and other science curriculum materials.



Board Member Comments:

- Kirk Humphreys noted that the school's brochure which outlines "[The John Rex Way](#)," was nicely done. He feels it contains a lot of good information about the school.