

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMON LOTTERY BOARD
APRIL 10, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

I. Call to Order (Chairperson Niles)

II. Roll Call

Member Name (Designee)	Board Membership Status	Organization	Roll Call
Jennifer Niles	Chairperson and voting member	DME	Present
Kyoung Lee (Pete Weber)	Voting member	DCPS	Present
Christopher Rinkus	Voting member	DCPS	Present
Naomi Watson	Voting member	DCPS	Present
Shantelle Wright (Maya Martin)	Voting member	Achievement Prep	Absent
Kimberly Campbell	Voting member	Friendship	Present
Susan Schaeffler	Voting member	KIPP DC	Present
Scott Pearson	Non-voting member	PCSB	Present
Hanseul Kang	Non-voting member	OSSE	Present
Catherine Peretti	Non-voting member	My School DC	Present

III. Round One Lottery Update

My School DC is the District’s common lottery system for D.C. Public Schools and nearly all public charter schools in its second year of operation. In Round 1 of the 2015 lottery, My School DC received 20,349 applications from families interested in attending one of over 200 DCPS or public charter schools for the 2015-16 school year, representing an increase of more than 3,000 applications over last year.

Of the 20,349 applications received, 14,592 students were matched at the time of the lottery – a 72 percent match rate. The overall match rate rose by one percent even with the rise in applications from last year. Of these matched students, 85.5 percent were offered a seat at one of their top three school choices. PK3 and 9th grades had the highest number of applications and match rates of 87% and 80%, respectively.

The My School DC hotline has answered and made more than 7,000 calls since the application launched in December 2014, and the team has responded to thousands of e-mails in a massive effort to support parents throughout the process.

For the first time this year, My School DC launched a Centralized Waitlist Management System on 3/27/15. Schools and families will utilize this feature.

IV. By-Laws Discussion

The Board discussed and clarified Article VI in the by-laws that a measure can only be adopted with a majority of the voting members that includes at least one DCPS representative, and one public charter representative.

V. Budget Discussion

The Board would like more information on the Audit and Evaluation line item to help My School DC determine the scope and timing of future evaluative work.

VI. Vote on Closed Session pursuant to D.C. Code §2-575(b)(1) – a law or court order requires that a particular matter or proceeding not be public (FERPA).

Unanimous vote to close session.

VII. Official Actions

All votes to on official actions were unanimous.

- 1) Voted to approve By-Laws
- 2) Voted to approve the creation of a data page under Resources on www.myschooldc.org
- 3) Voted to approve data request #1
- 4) Voted to approve data request #2
- 5) Voted to approve data request #3
- 6) Voted to table data request #4 until next quarterly meeting
- 7) Voted to approve My School DC Process and Requirements to Conduct Research or Obtain Confidential Data for future data requests
- 8) Voted to adjourn.