

MINUTES
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17, 2017

The meeting was held at: 198 Varet Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206

PRESENT

Lourdes Putz, Chair
Samuel Rivera, Vice Chair
John Witherspoon, Trustee
Charles Hobson, Trustee
David Fier, Staff Rep.

GUESTS

Tanishia Williams, Principal
Roberta Smith, Staff
Mary Kenny, Minutes Transcriber
Kathy Fernandez, Staff
Princess Barimah, Staff
Raymond James, Staff
Keith Donnelly, Staff
Bryn WorriLOW, Staff
Klaudia Clifford, Staff
Amaryllis Valentin, Staff

Ellen Eagen, School Attorney
Kentia Coreus, Staff
Kate Manion, Staff
Darnell Pierre, Staff
Valerie Jacobson, Staff
Ann Leghorn, Staff
Shante Martin, Staff
Natalie Bar-Levy, Staff
Renee de Lyon, Staff
Charisse Johnson, Staff

EXCUSED

Marcenia Johnson, Trustee; Evans Barreau, Parent Rep.

1. WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. Ms. Putz asked to amend the agenda to move Approval of the Minutes to #2.

2. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Mr. Rivera made a motion to approve the December Board Minutes. Mr. Witherspoon seconded. Ms. Putz abstained. All others were in favor.

3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

a. Black History Month Update

Ms. Martin reported on Black History Month events, which include: a career day, film screening, storytelling workshop, dance class, painting project, and a formal dance. Fundraisers have been held to provide snacks during events.

b. Recap of Town Hall

Prior to the meeting a town hall was held to go over the results of the School Climate Survey. The event was well attended and meaningful discussion occurred. The School hopes to host a town hall meeting once a month.

c. Burning Flame Award

Ms. Williams awarded Ann Leghorn with the Burning Flame Award for their tireless work organizing the student assessment system process. They organized both students and proctors. Ms. Williams commended Mx. Leghorn for their constant professionalism. Charisse Johnson, the previous recipient, handed off the award.

4. ACR REVIEW

Ms. Williams reviewed a current draft of the Annual Comprehensive Review Task List and Self Evaluation with those in attendance. Ms. Eagen explained the importance of this report in the School's renewal process. The review included data from the following departments: Leadership, Data, College Guidance, Human Resources, Accountability, Recruitment, Facilities, and Technology.

Leadership discussed Academic Success, Discipline, Effectiveness & Ops, Comparative Academic Performance, Supportive Environment, Operational Stability, and Future Plans.

The Data Team reviewed portions of Enrollment and Attendance, Discipline, portions of Academic Success, Academic Growth, Closing the Achievement Gap, portions of College and Career Readiness data, and portions of Effectiveness & Ops.

College Guidance presented data and strategies from the College and Career Readiness section.

Human Resources reviewed Leadership & Staff, School Leadership, Instructional Staff, and Non-Instructional Staff data as well as fingerprint compliance.

The Accountability Manager went over Board Information, Management or Support Organization and Parent Organization, School Overview, Compliance, and Operational Stability.

Recruitment discussed Enrollment and Attendance and lottery and enrollment regulations from the Compliance section.

Facilities and Technology presented School Improvements.

The final draft of the ACR report (detailing the reporting addressed above) will be posted following submission February 1, 2017.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Witherspoon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hobson seconded. All were in favor.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation