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**St HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board Meeting**

MINUTES

July 22, 2021 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	Present
Maureen Higgins	Absent (Excused)
Kristopher John	Present (Attended Remotely)
Salone Kapur	Present (Attended Remotely)
Jennifer Ng	Present
Bianca Peart	Present
Elizabeth Phillips	Present
Caitlin Robisch	Present
Sarah Yan	Present (Attended Remotely)

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal.

• **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received.

• **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the June 24, 2021 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

• **Finance Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on the trauma-informed training. SHLA has selected an individual to provide training. The leadership team decided to do a two-day intensive training, to meet with her once a month, and to have her assist with planning and implementing SHLA's anti-racist pedagogy. This was initially budgeted as \$20k based on an expectation of a smaller role. A year-long partnership will be between \$60-80k. The Board asked questions regarding the contract and payments, including whether payments would be provided in connection with certain milestones.
- Ms. Persenaire provided an update on recruitment and enrollment. All eighth graders are returning, with 100 scholars enrolled in eighth grade, which would mean an average class size of 33. Seventh grade is also overenrolled. For sixth grade, current enrollment is 72. The Board asked questions regarding enrollment and planning for the next school year.

• **Accountability Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire presented on the current promotion policy for scholars (as it is written in the most recent charter). The Board asked questions regarding the policy and discussed potential revisions to the policy, post-COVID such as framing the criteria as “guidelines” rather than “requirements.”
- Ms. Persenaire reported 2020-2021 NWEA, Interim, and Regents Data Analysis. She discussed the new presentation of data to provide additional detail on particular cohorts of scholars. With respect to NWEA MAP and Regents results, winter administration of the assessment was completed in April and spring administration of the assessment was completed in June. The Board asked a number of questions regarding the results and SHLA’s plans to learning loss in the upcoming school year. For example, Achieve 3000 and Lexia (for ELLs) will be offered more days per week.
- Ms. Persenaire noted the CDC’s guidelines for schools. The CDC’s guidance is that schools should open fully and maintain three feet distance in classrooms. She responded to questions from the Board regarding policies, such as mask wearing.
- As shown on the dashboard, SHLA ended the year with a 96.4% attendance rate and a total enrollment of 305.
- With respect to enrollment for the 2021-2022 year, summer coordinators have begun working with new families. The first day of school will be September 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

I, Elizabeth Phillips, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on July 22, 2021 at which quorum was present throughout. (July 22, 2021)