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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees

Board meeting

MINUTES

November 20th from 6:30 – 8:00pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

Steve Colon	Present
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Present
Dean Guzman	Present
Maureen Higgins	Present
Jonathan Howard	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Present
Bryan Winther	Absent (Excused)
Arun Yang	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on October 23rd, 2014 were unanimously approved.

- **Presentation by National Junior Honor Society**

- Mr. Davis and Ms. Flores, advisors to the St HOPE Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, led a presentation of the group's 2014 visit to Canada
- The student officers of National Junior Honor Society presented information to the Board requesting funding to attend the LEAD Conference in Washington DC on January 31st and February 1st. Students presented the rationale and budget and responded to questions by the Board members.
- The Board unanimously approved the \$3,100 requested by National Junior Honor Society to attend the LEAD conference. The funds will be pulled from surplus funds.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Mr. Colon and Mr. Greeley were welcomed as voting members of the Board, following official approval by the school's Authorizer.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Ms. Higgins led a discussion of the school's results of the first round of ELA and math interim exams.
 - Results on the Achievement Network math exams demonstrated an average score of 40%, equal to the Network, with the school beating the Network in 6th and 8th grade. Dr. Bond cautioned that the average does not provide very useful information, reminding the Board that we beat the Network averages on the interims last year and did not outperform these schools on the actual state tests. The Board discussed the limitations of using the Achievement Network.
 - The school transitioned from Achievement Network to the NY Ready assessments from ELA. The Board discussed the results with the plan to compare Interim I to Interim II at the January meeting.
- **Finance Committee**
 - Mr. Dalal led a review of the October Finance Report. Spending is to budget with the understanding that the school is running a deficit due to 5th grade enrollment.
- **Principal Update**
 - Dr. Bond reviewed the dashboard data including current student enrollment.
 - Dr. Bond provided an update on the proposed changes to the grade configuration, reporting that all required documents were submitted to the NYCDOE Charter School office and the public hearing is scheduled for December 4.
 - Ms. Mirsky led a discussion on the 2014-2015 Recruitment and Enrollment plan, including goals and strategies. She introduced a proposal by Democracy Builders to provide assistance. The Board reviewed the proposal and discussed changes, agreeing to convene online to vote should Ms. Mirsky and Dr. Bond recommend that the school partner with Democracy Builders.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

I, Maureen Higgins, 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 *November 20th* at which a quorum was present throughout.

Dated (*November 21, 2014*)

Addendum to the Minutes: On December 23rd, 2014 the Board conducted an electronic vote on the following – *St HOPE will enter into a contract with Democracy Builders to assist the school with 2015-2016 student recruitment and enrollment. St HOPE will pay for the contract using surplus funds.* Ten Board members voted “yes”, one Board member abstained.