

Board of Trustees

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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

September 18th from 6:30 – 8:00pm
222 W. 134th Street

1. Welcome

Call to Order

Ankur Dalal	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Jonathan Howard	Absent (Excused)
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Bryan Winthur	Absent (Excused)
Arun Yang	Present
Dean Guzman	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director.

2. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received

3. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the meeting held on August 21st, 2014 were unanimously approved.

4. Nominating Committee

- Ms. Kono confirmed that both candidates under consideration for membership, Chris Greeley and Steven Colon, completed their school visits. The Board discussed their candidacies and recommended that both candidates be invited to the October meeting.
- Board members reviewed the committee assignments determined last month. All assignments were approved.

5. Accountability Committee

- The Board reviewed the 2013-2014 School Survey results.
 - 100 percent of parents completed the survey, a completion rate far higher than that of the city overall.
 - Overall ratings were very high in all categories, with over 90% of respondents reporting satisfaction with instruction, systems of improvement, and school culture. These satisfaction rates were higher than citywide averages in all categories.
 - The Board discussed areas and questions of interest, including the slightly lower rates of teacher satisfaction with systems of improvement and school culture.

- Dr. Bond reported that the first ELA and math interim data would be ready to review at the November Board meeting.

7. Principal Update

- Dr. Bond gave an update on the status of the space remodel.
- Dr. Bond discussed the school's current enrollment numbers with the Board.
 - The Board discussed strategies to address under enrollment in 5th grade, both in the short term and in future years.
 - The school will continue to recruit and enroll students in 5th and 6th grade through November.
 - Dr. Ebbie Parsons from Yardstick will be invited to the October Board meeting to discuss a possible partnership around student recruitment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 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 *September 18th* at which a quorum was present throughout.

Dated (*September 30th, 2014*)