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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees

Board meeting

MINUTES

February 26th, 2015 from 6:30 – 8:00pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

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

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director; and Vivian Lee, Business and Human Resources Manager

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2015 were unanimously approved.

- **Finance Committee**

- Presentation by Rochelle Forster, Financial Advisor with Axa Advisors, regarding a possible change from American Funds to the Principal Financial Group for the school's retirement program. Ms. Forster discussed services she provides to employees, the program's fee structure, the process for switching program providers, among other things. The Board asked questions to which Mr. Forster responded.
- Ms. Lee provided the Board with the reference check she conducted on Ms. Forster. She also reported on conversations she had with three other possible advisors. Ms. Lee also collected information from staff regarding what they would most like to receive as part of their retirement program. Staff consensus was that they would like additional education on investment options and financial advice/strategies.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the January Finance Report.

- **Principal Update**

- Dr. Bond informed the Board that the Board of Regents approved the grade configuration change at their February meeting. St HOPE will officially offer grades six through eight beginning in fall, 2015.
- The Board discussed the exciting news that St HOPE was named a 2015 New York State School of Character. The school is now a finalist to be a National School of Character with an official site visit on Tuesday, March 24.
- Dr. Bond discussed current scholar recruitment strategies and the work being done with Democracy Builders to recruit and enroll a robust class in 2015.
- The Board discussed the Dashboard data.

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 *February 26, 2015* at which a quorum was present throughout.
Dated (*February 27, 2015*)