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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

August 21st from 6:30 – 8:00pm
222 W. 134th Street

1. Welcome

Call to Order

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

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director and Laurel Schwartz, Assistant Principal of Instruction and Teacher Development.

2. Public Comment

No requests for public comment were received

3. Consent Agenda

The minutes of the meeting held on June 19th, 2014 were unanimously approved.

4. Nominating Committee

- Ms. Kono discussed the candidacy of two prospective candidates, Chris Greeley and Steven Colon, with the Board. Both are recommended for a school visit as the next step.
- Board members selected committee assignments for the 2014-2015 school year. Final assignments will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.
 - Accountability Committee
 - Maureen Higgins, Chair
 - Dean Guzman, Lauren Mirsky, Rebecca Ostrov, Arun Yang
 - Finance Committee
 - Ankur Dalal, Chair
 - Jonathan Howard, Rebecca Ostrov, Bryan Winthur
 - Nominating Committee
 - Takako Kono, Chair
 - Dean Guzman, Bryan Winthur, Arun Yang

- The Board reviewed the Board Calendar that was voted on at the June Board meeting.

5. Accountability Committee

- The Board reviewed and discussed the results of the 2013-2014 state tests. School results were nearly identical to 2012-2013 in overall proficiency in math and ELA, mirroring the State-level results.
 - There were increases from last year in both subjects in 7th grade, and a positive progression in scores from 5th grade to 8th grade in both subjects.
 - When compared to Districts 5 and 7, the school had higher proficiency scores and average scale scores in 6th-8th grade math. In ELA, when compared to District 7 (home district of 60% of scholars), the school had higher average scale scores in 7th and 8th grade.
 - 2013-2014 was the first year of implementing the 8th grade Earth Science Regents with 25% scoring 65+ and 54% scoring 55+. It was the second year of implementing the US History Regents with 36% of those completing the exam scoring 65+.
 - On the 2013-2014 NYSESLAT, 80% scored a level 3 or higher.
- The Board discussed a need for predictive assessments that are better aligned with the state exams, and that provide more useful data to teachers.

7. Principal Update

- Dr. Bond gave the Board a tour of the school to see the results of the space remodel.
- Dr. Bond provided an update on progress towards amending charter to add 3rd and 4th grade cohorts to the School. Authorizer has not yet provided a decision on the amendment.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 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 *August 21st* at which a quorum was present throughout.

Dated (*August 30th, 2014*)