

Board of Trustees

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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board meeting

MINUTES

May 26, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Present
Steve Colón	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Present
Maureen Higgins	Present
Megan Jordan	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Absent (Excused)
Bryan Winther	Absent (Excused)
Arun Yang	Absent (Excused)

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 April 21, 2016 were unanimously approved.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono shared that prospective Board member Michael Chan was not able to attend tonight's meeting and will attend the August meeting.

• **Finance Committee**

- The Board signed on to the scheduled phone conference with the auditors but the auditors did not join. Dr. Bond will connect with Marc Taub to reschedule.
- The Board discussed the 2016-2017 draft budget, asking questions about proposed expenditures. Ms. Apollon asked a question regarding line item 4204 IDEA for Special Education. Dr. Bond will connect with the accountants at CSBM and bring a response to the June meeting.
- The Board continued their discussion of possibly transferring surplus funds to an investment portfolio. Mr. Greeley agreed to draft a school investment policy for Board discussion at the June meeting. It was also

determined that the Finance Committee would ask the auditors for additional guidance during their upcoming call.

- **Principal Update**

- The Board reviewed the Dashboard data focusing on April enrollment numbers, withdrawals, attendance, and suspensions. Particular attention was paid to the very high attendance rate for the month (likely due to state testing) and the continued decline in student suspensions.
- Dr. Bond updated the Board on the school's designation as a National School of Character. The formal announcement was made in a Senate Hearing Room on Capitol Hill and was livestreamed to St HOPE classrooms. Dr. Bond described the jubilant scholar and staff reaction when the school's name was announced.
- Dr. Bond discussed the two week visit from the Carroll University undergraduate pre-service teachers for the HARLEM internship. As in past years, it was a positive experience for the college students and the St HOPE community alike.
- The Board will discuss the possible August Retreat at the June meeting.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:50 and exited the session at 8:07.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

I, Steve Colón, 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 May 26, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (May 27, 2016)