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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board meeting

MINUTES

March 24, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Absent (Excused)
Steve Colón	Present
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Present
Maureen Higgins	Present
Megan Jordan	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Absent (Excused)
Rebecca Ostrov	Present
Bryan Winthur	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 February 25, 2016 were unanimously approved.

• **Accountability Committee**

- Dr. Bond reviewed the March Achieve3000 Performance Report on Lexile growth and usage by grade level, classroom, and log-in activity. Lexile growth outpaced “Expected Growth” projections.
- The Board closely review the Interim II Data on the pass and cusp rates for ELA and Math by grade, with a special focus on 7th grade Math. The performance trends followed expectations.
- State Test Projections were reviewed by grade level for ELA and Math. Dr. Bond has stronger confidence in current projections than in previous years.

• **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Dalal led a discussion of February Finance Report. Projected variances were reviewed and rationalized.

- The Board reviewed a preliminary proposal for use of SHLA's surplus funds. The decision was made to create two small ad hoc committees; one to develop a recommended investment policy and one to propose a program structure.

- **Principal Update**
 - The Board reviewed the Dashboard data focusing on February enrollment numbers, withdrawals, attendance, and suspensions.
 - Dr. Bond updated the Board on 2016-17 student recruitment. SHLA is on-track to get close to 700 applications for 120 slots.
 - The Board was updated on high school placements; 44% of 8th graders were accepted to their first choice institution, 72% were accepted to one of their top 3 choices, and 38% were accepted to US News top NYC high schools. Seven scholars were accepted to an audition or performing arts high school.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 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 March 24, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (March 25, 2016)