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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

October 20, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

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

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director; Michael Chan, Board candidate.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 29, 2016 were unanimously approved.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono presented the candidacy of Michael Chan to the Board. **Mr. Chan was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's authorizer.**

- **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Dalal presented the September Finance Report for review and discussion. Spending is in line with expectations.
- Ms. Kono introduced Bryan Garcia, Program Director at America Needs You, to the Board. Mr. Garcia led a discussion of best practices in the development of a college scholarship fund for St HOPE alumni, focusing on the unique needs of first-generation college students.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Dr. Bond and Mr. Mejias, Math Coach, led a presentation of current math data and program changes to improve academic results. Board members asked questions and discussed the possibility of hiring a data

expert. Mr. Colon agreed to look into this further and consult with Dr. Bond prior to the November meeting. Mr. Yang discussed his findings from exploring the possibility of afterschool supplemental services, which confirmed prior concerns about the poor quality of outside providers.

- **Principal Update**

- Dr. Bond presented the September Dashboard data.
- Dr. Bond discussed the current national climate around clowns and the online threats to St HOPE scholars. She explained that all concerns had been brought to the local precinct and were determined to be of no immediate threat. St HOPE, along with other schools in Harlem, will dismiss early on Halloween to ensure that scholars have adequate time to travel home safely during daylight hours.
- Dr. Bond informed the Board that the school was honored at the National School of Character conference held in DC October 13th and 14th. Six staff members joined Dr. Bond for the 2 day conference. Dr. Bond also shared the St HOPE was chosen as the cover photo for the Schools of Character magazine and the school was featured in an article. Dr. Bond has also been asked to write a piece for an upcoming edition of the *Journal of Character Education*.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

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 October 20, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (October 21, 2016)