

Board of Trustees

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Arun Yang



St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

August 25, 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	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Megan Jordan	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Tannenbaum	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	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 June 16, 2016 were unanimously approved.

- **Nominating Committee**

- The slate of Officers presented to the Board for the 2016-2017 fiscal year – Lauren Tannenbaum, President; Takako Kono, Vice President; Ankur Dalal, Treasurer; and Steve Colon, Secretary – was unanimously approved.
- Board members Dalal, Higgins, Tannenbaum and Yang were unanimously elected to another three-year term.
- Committee selection will take place at the September meeting.
- The Board reviewed the current bylaws and unanimously approved the following changes, effective immediately
 - Article III, Section 3.4 is deleted in its entirety.
 - Article III, Section 3.5 is amended as follows - sentence "The term of office of the Parent Trustee shall be limited to one three-year term or until his or her student leaves the school, whichever is earlier" is deleted in its entirety.

- Article III, Section 3.10 is amended to read that notice of meetings may be given to Trustees by electronic mail.
- **Finance Committee**
 - The Board reviewed the 2015-2016 Year-End Finance Report. The amount in surplus was noted for further discussion of the school's investment policy.
 - The Board discussed the plan for formulating the investment policy at the upcoming Board retreat in September.
- **Accountability Committee**
 - The Board reviewed the end-line data for the NWEA MAP assessments. Sixth and seventh grades saw substantial growth in both average RIT score and percent of scholars on grade level in both math and ELA, beating national growth averages. Eighth grade saw less growth but performed relatively well on the state tests. Dr. Bond reported that eighth graders were experiencing test fatigue as they were also taking the Earth Science Practical, the Earth Science Regents and the US History Regents at the same time as MAP end-line testing.
 - The Board reviewed the school's performance on the state ELA and math exams. Particular note was made that the school beat both District 5 and District 7 in 8th grade math and in average scale score in 8th grade ELA.
- **Principal Update**
 - The Board discussed the final dashboard data from the 2015-2016 academic year, paying particular attention to the continued decline in the number of suspensions. Dr. Bond described plans for the current school year to continue the school-wide expansion of restorative practices.
 - Dr. Bond provided information on current enrollment. Seventh and 8th grade are at full capacity with 6th grade continuing to accept new scholars as enrollment stabilizes. There are currently over 400 students on the wait list.
 - The Board discussed the location of the September retreat.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57.

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 August 25, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (August 26, 2016)