

**Board of Trustees**

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Arun Yang



**St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees**  
Board meeting

***MINUTES***

September 29, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 pm  
222 W. 134<sup>th</sup> 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 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 August 25, 2016 were unanimously approved.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono introduced prospective Board member Mike Chan. Mr. Chan presented his background to the Board and what he brings to the Board as a trustee should he be elected.
- Committee membership for 2016-2017 was finalized
  - Executive Committee – Board officers (Tannenbaum, Dalal, Kono and Colon) and Mr. Yang as Member at Large
  - Finance Committee – Chair, Mr. Dalal; members Mr. Greeley, Mr. Colon and Ms. Ostrov
  - Nominating Committee – Chair, Ms. Kono; members Ms. Higgins, Ms. Apollon and Ms. Jordan
  - Accountability Committee – Chair, Ms. Higgins; members Ms. Tannenbaum, Ms. Jordan and Mr. Yang

• **Finance Committee**

- The Board participated in a phone conference with the auditors to review the 2015-2016 financial audit.

- **Accountability Committee**

- The Board reviewed the baseline NWEA MAP data, including current percent on grade level in each grade in ELA and math and projected state exam pass rates. Dr. Bond expressed concern about the very low 6<sup>th</sup> grade math data, stating that it is the lowest the school has seen for an incoming class. The Board discussed the high number of SPED scholars, which is currently 26%, and the potential impact on performance numbers. The Board discussed possible supplemental services to assist the teachers with the significant work needed to promote both growth and increased pass rates on the state exam. Ms. Jordan and Ms. Kono will bring information regarding afterschool tutoring programs to the October meeting. Dr. Bond will confer with the math coach on preferred supplemental services and will invite him to the October meeting.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the 2015-2016 NYCDOE survey results. Particular note was made as to the very high survey response rates, particularly for parents, and that the school met or beat city averages in every category.

- **Principal Update**

- Dr. Bond provided the Board with the amended Board Bylaws which went into effect on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

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 September 29, 2016 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (September 30, 2016)