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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

January 19, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Present
Steve Colón	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	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 and Prospective Board Member Girmay Zahilay.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2016 were unanimously approved.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono introduced prospective Board member Girmay Zahilay to the Board. Mr. Girmay discussed his background and detailed his reasons for seeking Board nomination. Board members asked Mr. Girmay questions about his passion for working with at-risk students and his recent school visit.

- **Scholar Presentation**

- Scholars representing National Junior Honor Society and Student Government led a presentation requesting funds for eight scholars and two chaperones to attend the LEAD conference in Washington, DC in February. The scholars reviewed the purpose of the conference and the budget. **The Board unanimously approved \$5,000 of surplus funds to cover the cost of conference attendance.**

- **Finance Committee**

- The Board reviewed the December Finance report.
- As requested at the November meeting, Dr. Bond presented further details regarding the breakdown of fees by Principal, the school's 401(k) provider.

- Dr. Bond updated the Board on opening the Vanguard account, which is currently in process. Once the account is officially open, \$1.4 million in surplus funds will be transferred to the account.
- Due to time constraints, the Board tabled the discussion of the school's possible scholarship fund until the February meeting.
- **Principal Update**
 - Dr. Bond presented the November Dashboard data. A number of Board members commented positively about the continued decline in suspensions. Dr. Bond credited successful components of the school's restorative practices program.
 - Dr. Bond presented information about Educational Vistas and described their work over many decades supporting schools with grading state exams and other assessment support. The school is currently considering moving to this vendor for scoring of the NYSED ELA and math exams.
 - Dr. Bond discussed the current national and state climate around the charter school sector and charter renewal.

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 January 19, 2017 at which quorum was present throughout Dated (January 20, 2017)