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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board Meeting

MINUTES

January 19, 2023 from 6:30-8:00 pm
Meeting Conducted Virtually

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Gabrielle Apollon	Present
Ankur Dalal	Present
Katie Embree	Present
Maureen Higgins	Present
Kristopher John	Present
Salone Kapur	Present
Lindsey Moschet	Present
Jennifer Ng	Absent (Excused)
Elizabeth Pernick	Present

Also present at the meeting: Meghann Persenaire, Principal; and Yamel Gonzalez, Director of Operations. The meeting took place via teleconference. The meeting was recorded.

• **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received.

• **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from the December 15, 2022 Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire reviewed the Engagement Committee calendar. The Quarter 2 Honor Roll Dinner will be held on February 16, 2023 from 4:30pm-6pm; the Journey Scholarship Finalist interviews (fully virtual) will be March 11, 2023; and the HARLEM Scholarship Finalist interviews (in-person) will be on March 18, 2023. Finally, SHLA's graduation ceremony will be held on June 23, 2023 at 4pm.
- Ms. Apollon noted that she has had several exploratory conversations with potential Board candidates.

• **Finance Committee**

- The investment fund is currently \$2.78m. The Board voted unanimously to approve a withdrawal of \$50K for the HARLEM and Journey scholarships.
- Ms. Persenaire and Ms. Gonzalez discussed a school bus proposal for the 2023-2024 school year. The most cost effective bus company is ARJ bus company, which could provide a bus route for 30 sixth grade students who live in the Bronx. For 184 school days, the total cost will be \$129K for the bus and \$37K for a

bus matron; which is a total of \$166K per year. The Board asked questions regarding how this would be implemented and the extent to which school leadership anticipates that this would increase enrollment. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the school bus proposal.

- Mr. Dalal will perform an annual investment account analysis to share with the Board at the March meeting.
- Ms. Persenaire and the Board discussed the draft Form 990, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Form 990.
- Ms. Persenaire discussed recruitment and enrollment. As of today, SHLA has received 65 applications, of which 46 are sixth grade, 7 are seventh grade, and 12 are eighth grade applications.

- **Accountability Committee**

- Ms. Persenaire presented on the 2022 NYC School Survey results, and discussed key themes with the Board. The Board asked about questions to better understand certain findings.
- Ms. Persenaire presented the December dashboard. She noted that the NY Ready Interim II results will be available at the February meeting, and the MAP Midline results will be available at the March meeting. She also discussed 6th grade A3K results; approximately half of the class is far below grade level, but it is expected that they will benefit from the three years at SHLA even if many are not at CCR (college and career readiness) level at the end of the year.

- **Principal Update**

- Ms. Persenaire discussed statistics for the 2018 HARLEM scholarship recipients. Of the four recipients, two have graduated, one of which has entered graduate school; and a third will be graduating this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

I, Elizabeth Pernick, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting interim 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, 2023 at which quorum was present throughout. (January 19, 2023)