

**Hyde Leadership Charter School
Trustees Meeting at Hyde
March 26, 2012
Minutes**

Trustees Present: Herb Fixler
 Deborah Dumont
 David Steadly
 Wilder Baker
 Herb Kaplan

Trustees Absent: Shara Freeman
 Robert Rosario

Also present: Betsy Olney, Head of School
 Mike McNamara, Chief Operating Officer
 Staci Seeley, Director of Development
 Lupita Alvarez, Development Officer
 Maya Severns (Hyde faculty member)
 Steve Goodman (guest)

With a quorum present, the meeting began at 6:07 PM.

1. February 2012 meeting minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 27, 2012 meeting.

2. Open Meetings Law

The Board discussed the implementation of the revision to the Open Meetings Law that was effective February 2, 2012 requiring public access to information to be discussed at Board Meetings. Hyde leadership was directed to post to its website in advance of Board meetings, to the extent practical, documents that are to be presented to the Board at its monthly meetings.

3. Human Resources Committee Update

Ms. Dumont, chair of the committee, proposed Hyde engage an outside attorney to advise the school and the Board on legal issues as they arise. The Board authorized Herb Fixler to interview a proposed candidate and engage his services on behalf of the school.

4. Development Committee Update

Mr. Kaplan summarized the plans for fundraising over the next 18 months. Mr. Fixler recommended multi-year pledges by Board members and others.

5. Head of School Report

Ms. Olney reported on the progress of students in the Middle School on reading, personnel movements for 2012-13 and positive developments in the leadership of the Elementary School Division. Questions were asked of Ms. Olney and answered.

6. Finance Committee Update

Mr. McNamara discussed the school's performance in the month of February. Various items were questioned and answers were provided. A projection for the remainder of the lease year was presented and discussed. Teacher salaries will be approved next month. They will be sent prior to the meeting. Mr. Fixler asked that a statement of cash on hand be prepared monthly for Board review.

7. Facilities Committee Update

The Facilities Committee membership was reconstituted to include Mr. Steadley, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Fixler with Ms. Olney and Mr. McNamara serving as school representatives. Mr. Steadley agreed to chair the committee.

8. Technology Committee Update

The Board discussed the usefulness of a Board-level committee on technology. Ms. Olney reported on the activities of the internal committee made up of representatives from the three divisions and other technology users and facilitators among Hyde's staff. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to disband the Board Technology Committee and delegate responsibility for technology planning to the school-level Technology Committee.

At 8:02 PM, there being no other pressing business, a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes prepared by Michael McNamara - 3/27/12