

Hyde-Bronx Trustees Meeting Minutes
Hyde Leadership Charter School
Trustees Meeting
March 26, 2018
830 Hunts Point Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474
Minutes

Trustees Present: Herb Fixler
Tony Stoupas
Richard Romanoff
Ruth Jarmul
Herb Kaplan
Oz Hanley
Chavon Sutton

Trustees Absent: Deborah Dumont
Maureen Singer
Jeanette Melendez
Dennis Mehiel
Susan Engel

Also present: Thomas Sturtevant, Executive Director
Stephen Trowbridge, Chief Operating Officer
Valarie Hunsinger, Director of Development and Communications
Chavon Sutton, Prospective Trustee

The meeting began at 6:00 PM, Mr. Fixler presiding.

1. February 3rd Board Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the minutes from the February 3rd board meeting.

2. Nominating Committee

Mr. Fixler welcomed Ms. Sutton to the meeting and indicated that she is a candidate for Board membership. Ms. Sutton has a Masters of Arts and Business Administration from New York University and has an extensive finance background, working with Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, and is currently a Managing Director at Momentum Advisors. Ms. Sutton was asked to briefly exit the room in order for the Board to deliberate. Ms. Jarmul motioned for Ms. Sutton to be considered for Board membership, Mr. Hanley seconded the motion, and Trustees present voted in favor of approving Ms. Sutton for the Hyde Leadership Charter School Board of Trustees.

3. Facilities

Mr. Trowbridge reported that the bathroom renovations have not yet begun and were being looked into.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Sturtevant reported on a recent disciplinary issue including the expulsion hearing for two students. The decision was made to not expel the students. Mr. Sturtevant also reported on a possible threat made to the school by a student. Mr. Sturtevant noted that the school worked with local police and legal counsel to evaluate and respond appropriately to the matter.

Mr. Sturtevant highlighted the recent acceptance of an 8th-grade student into two highly selective high schools- Bronx Science and Manhattan Hunter Science High School.

Mr. Sturtevant discussed the idea of scalability and presented the idea of transforming the charter narrative to focus on becoming a great school that is deeply rooted in the community. Mr. Sturtevant highlighted numerous ways that students and teachers could partner with organizations, businesses, and local stakeholders in the Hunts Point community. Mr. Sturtevant discussed partnering with Rocking the Boat and the Bronx River Alliance to implement a science curriculum based on the Bronx River. Mr. Sturtevant also presented the idea of collaborating with the Hunts Point Express to empower students to use their voice as journalists. Mr. Sturtevant also discussed partnering with local business to help students study local economics. Mr. Stoupas noted that sustainability could be achieved by having deep roots in the community. Mr. Fixler noted the need to make the school as great as possible. Mr. Romanoff noted that this idea would empower students to make a difference in their community by opening their eyes to opportunities. Mr. Sturtevant noted that Hyde can be a model for school and community engagement.

5. Finance Committee

Mr. Trowbridge provided a detailed review of the school's current financial position. Mr. Trowbridge noted the school's February YTD revenue was favorable by approximately \$18,000 and February's YTD expense was favorable by \$62,000. Mr. Trowbridge noted that the approximate net variance is favorable by \$80,000.

For FY 2018 YTD, Mr. Trowbridge reported that the total revenue is \$12,234,125 and is favorable by \$56,000. The budgeted expenses are \$12,195,170 and is favorable by \$61,000. Mr. Trowbridge noted that the net variance to the budget is favorable by \$117,000.

Mr. Trowbridge presented a resolution allowing him and Mr. Sturtevant to sign off on an NYC Department of Youth and Community Development grant. Mr. Kaplan motioned to accept the resolution and Mr. Hanley seconded, all were in favor.

6. Development Committee

Ms. Hunsinger thanked board members for supporting alumni grants, Saturday Academy, family retreats and for mentoring students, connecting students to opportunities like Global citizen, and

for providing students with employment opportunities. Ms. Hunsinger reviewed the FY 2018 fundraising totals noting that we have met 53% of our goal. Ms. Hunsinger reviewed year-to-date fundraising for FY 2015 through 2018. Ms. Hunsinger reviewed the high impact gift pipeline. Ms. Hunsinger highlighted upcoming events including the Spring Open House on April 26th, Friendraiser on May 23rd, May 1st Signing Day Online Appeal, the Bronx Rotary Centennial on April 16th, May Madness on May 19th, and Graduation June 23rd.

7. Human Resources

No report.

8. Marketing/ Advertising/ Public Relations Committee

Ms. Jarmul, Mr. Sturtevant, and Ms. Hunsinger met with Robin Aronow to discuss marketing opportunities.

9. Education Committee

No report.

10. Other Business

No report.

11. Public Comments

No report.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Minutes prepared by Stephen Trowbridge and Valarie Hunsinger