

Hyde Leadership Charter School
Trustees Meeting: Minutes
July 26, 2021
830 Hunts Point Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474
(meeting held by video conference)

Trustees Present Via Video conference:

Herb Fixler	Chavon Sutton
Ruth Jarmul	Tony Stoupas
Herb Kaplan	Deborah Dumont
Nick Ober	John Espinosa

Trustees Not Present Via Video conference:

Susan Engel

Also Present Via Video conference:

Celia Sosa, Executive Director
Stephen Trowbridge, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
Valarie Hunsinger, Director of Development and Marketing
Laura Gauld, Head of School at Hyde Boarding School

The meeting began at 6:03 PM and Mr. Fixler presided. A quorum was present.

1. Approve minutes for June 21, 2021

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting.

2. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Sosa discussed the most recent news by Mayor Deblasio requiring city employees, including DOE public school teachers to be vaccinated or to get tested weekly. Ms. Sosa discussed recent CDC guidelines. Ms. Sosa discussed this news in relation to reopening in the fall.

Ms. Sosa provided a hiring update noting 2-3 open positions per division and discussed the next steps to prepare for the new school year including hiring a Director of Talent Acquisition.

Ms. Sosa noted that she will address three spaces in the 730 Bryant Avenue building that are currently assigned to Hyde but that are currently being occupied by other schools or organizations.

Ms. Sosa discussed enrollment including a focus on kindergarten enrollment.

3. Finance Committee

Mr. Trowbridge noted that the books will be closed in the next few weeks, and that he does not have a June report to file at this point, but that we will meet our budget. Mr. Trowbridge provided an update on the audit conducted by Marks Paneth.

Mr. Trowbridge brought forward for approval a corporate resolution (copy circulated in advance of the Board meeting) for approval related to Hyde's Citibank Private Wealth account. The resolution is an update to Citibank's authorized signer list. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Trustees present to approve the resolution and authorized Stephen Trowbridge to make the necessary updates to the signature list.

4. Development Committee

Ms. Hunsinger highlighted the Summer Enrichment Program. Ms. Hunsinger provided an update on the FY 2021 fundraising outcomes. Ms. Hunsinger discussed the FY 2022 Fundraising Goals and the fundraising priorities which include college & Post-Secondary Success, Family & Student Support, Student Leadership Opportunities, and Campus Improvements. Ms. Hunsinger highlighted upcoming fall events.

5. Nominating Committee

No comment

6. Any other business

Laura Gauld provided an update and answered questions pertaining to the boarding school.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Minutes prepared by Valarie Hunsinger and Stephen Trowbridge