

Neighborhood Charter Schools
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board Trustees
August 29, 2018

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Neighborhood Charter Schools (the “Education Corporation” or “NCS”) was held on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 132 West 124th Street, New York, NY. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

Trustees Present in Person:

Derek Fleming
Brian Hamilton
Everardo Jefferson
Justena Kavanagh
Starr Peoples
Adam Rashid
Arthur Sadoff
Cliff Schneider
Patricia Soussloff

Trustees Absent:

Jefferson Hughes
Andrew Popper
Walter Rendon

Others in Attendance:

Brett Gallini
Nicholas Carton
Leonardo Coello
Victor Rios
Sherita Smith
Downey Tang
Jared Quiza
Michael Renda

Nine (9) of the twelve (12) seated trustees were in attendance in person and present throughout the meeting, which constituted a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Ms. Soussloff began the meeting and invited public comment. No comments were received. Mr. Gallini introduced new leadership staff who briefly introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Soussloff also shared that based on Board self-evaluation completed in the spring, an ongoing list of strategic discussion items has been created, shared with the Governance Committee and will be discussed during the coming year.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by AS and seconded by CS to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2018 Board meeting and was unanimously approved.

3. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Gallini began by presenting summaries of the embargoes results on the NYS ELA and Math exams, demonstrating that scores are up over last year and are quite strong. Of note, the School's large special needs subgroup population is outperforming New York State by a multiple 4 and 5 times (ELA and Math, respectively). Mr. Gallini also presented on the opening day on Monday of the three campuses and discussed efforts to identify a principal in residence for the opening of NCS: Bronx next fall as well as pipeline for staff going forward. A brief discussion ensued regarding this and also how the management of three facilities was progressing and Mr. Renda discussed how he was managing the three locations efficiently. A discussion also ensued regarding the potential for opening a Pre-K program down the line.

4. Report on NCS: Harlem Long-Term Facility

Ms. Smith presented on progress at 691 St. Nicholas. Construction continues and progress is evident. Target for completion is end of 2018 and work can then be commenced to prepare the Building in advance for occupancy in July 2019. The Lease will be amended shortly to reflect increase in square footage and other changes since original Lease signing and commencement of construction.

5. Report on NCS: Bronx Facility

Ms. Smith presented on progress at the site. Civic Builders has commenced construction, has just completed their financing and while Civic anticipates delivering the Building on-time but will not be delivering it early (they will notify in September if there would be a delay in delivery).

6. Executive Session

CS moved and BH seconded motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was unanimously approved and the Board entered into executive session. A motion was made by CS to exit executive session and seconded by PS and unanimously approved. No votes were taken in executive session.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, CS moved to adjourn and PS seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Schneider, Secretary

I, Cliff Schneider, the duly qualified Secretary of Neighborhood Charter Schools, a New York education corporation, do hereby certify that I prepared these Minutes, 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 August 29, 2018.

Dated: September __, 2018