

Neighborhood Charter Schools
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board Trustees
April 24, 2019

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Neighborhood Charter Schools (the “Education Corporation” or “NCS”) was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 132 West 124th Street, New York, NY. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM.

Trustees Present in Person:

Gail Brousal
Derek Fleming
Everardo Jefferson
Jefferson Hughes
Adam Rashid
Patricia Soussloff

Trustees Present by Video:

Brian Hamilton
Starr Peoples
Walter Rendon
Cliff Schneider (phone only, so not counted as present)

Trustees Absent:

Justena Kavanagh
Andrew Popper
Arthur Sadoff

Others in Attendance:

Brett Gallini
Francesca Aparo
Downey Tang

Nine (9) of the thirteen (13) seated Trustees were in attendance in person or by video 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. There were no comments.

2. President's Report.

Ms. Soussloff reported on the hiring of a Chief of Schools, Sarah Iannucci, and presented Ms. Iannucci's resume to the Board.

3. Approval of March Minutes.

A motion was made by Jefferson Hughes and seconded by Everardo Jefferson to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2019 and was unanimously approved.

4. Executive Director's Report.

--Enrollment: Mr. Gallini reported that there were 2000 applicants for both the Harlem and Bronx schools. In the Bronx, there are 90 kindergartners accepted and 79 first grade students. There are three ASD students enrolled in the Bronx kindergarten, and one ASD enrolled in the first grade. There are a number of ASD candidates' who are still in the evaluation process at YAI, and NCS is still recruiting for more ASD students in the Bronx. Mr. Gallini is working with the DOE to document funding for NCS ASD students.

--Schedules for Next Year: Regents and Honors Classes: Approximately 25% of the eighth graders will participate in Honors math classes and will take the Algebra 1 Regents. All eighth graders will take Living Environment Regents. Passing the Algebra 1 Regents will exempt students from NYS math exam.

--Hiring Update: Teachers and Other Staff: 87% of the teaching staff has been hired; there is a single vacancy at the network level, and hiring of custodial and cafeteria staffs is in process. There will be three veteran NCS teachers joining Mr. Carton at the Bronx school.

--NYS Testing: The ELA exams are completed; Math exams will be administered the week of April 29-May 3, 2019.

5. Facilities Update.

--NCS: Harlem: on track. The school must vacate the 124th Street facility by July 7, 2019.

--NCS: Bronx: on track. American Dream Charter High School will occupy the second floor for the 2019-2020 school year. Civic is in discussions with one or two other charter schools about second floor occupancy for SY's 2020-21 and 2021-22. Mr. Gallini announced plans to hire a property/facilities manager for the consolidation of the Harlem schools and the opening of the Bronx school. Everardo Jefferson offered to help with obtaining the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the 691 St. Nicholas Avenue campus if needed.

At 6:50pm, the trustees moved to Executive Session to discuss the Search Committee's progress in hiring a new Executive Director. At 7:25pm the Board went back into public session.

Upon reconvening, Jefferson Hughes proposed that the new Chief of Schools and Chief of Staff as well as School Principals attend Board Meetings. Ms. Sousloff reminded the Board that the May 29th Board meeting would be followed by a dinner to celebrate Mr. Gallini who is leaving NCS on June 7, 2019.

Upon motion of Jefferson Hughes, seconded by Adam Rashid the Board meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Brousal

I, Gail Brousal, duly qualified trustee 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 April 24, 2019 meeting of the Board.

Dated: