



April 2019 Board Meeting

Location: NYFACS, 311 W. 120th Street, NY, NY 10027

Date April 9, 2019

6:30pm-9:00pm

Attendance:

Richard Ortoli

Dionne Beckford

Dan Vos

Zohair Ghenania

Brandi Lilly McLean

Charmine Lucate

Joselyn Rettic

Mason Mallory

Carine Pena

Call to Order

1) Motion to approve March Board meeting minutes and April Board Meeting agenda

2) Teacher Updates

None

3) PTO Updates

- No meeting
- Planning to have a meeting April 18th
- Met with new picture day company and revising contract
- Finalizing School uniforms for upper and lower grades.

4) Principal Update

- Charter approval indicated 400 capacity, instead of 375 submit in charter application.
- Lottery offers have been distributed. – 1,010 students have applied and 128 spots have been offered.
- 9 of 16 students were never exposed to French.
- Board raised concerns about retention from 5 th to 6 th grade (elementary to middle school). Suggested planning earlier to distribute post cards and other marketing to eligible students in October.
- Need an assessment of bus pick-up to service parents coming from the Bronx. There may be more parents coming from the North Bronx but the bus currently picks up

from the South Bronx.

- 1/3 of current students are estimated to be from the Bronx.
- SPED enrollment reported to be under the average in the district. However, NYFACS is servicing 42 students (not the 18 included in the report). Average in the community is 20% but we currently service ~14% SPED students.

5) Committee Updates

Finance and Facilities

- Approved for loan to purchase building; Final term sheet is more favorable than anticipated.
- Additional \$35K of costs for testing needed to move loan to the next stage.
- Need to evaluate whether to begin 2 nd phase of analysis, as we need a contract to purchase the building by April 19 th , in order to stay on schedule for the construction.
- Development Committee
- Senior trip – 40 students signed up for trip to DC.
- Planning to have a trip to embassy

Raffle/Fundraiser – selling tickets and have performance from students Friday, April 12th

List of 5 sponsors and receiving donations.

6) Next board meeting: **May 7, 2019**

Motion to adjourn meeting

None opposed

Motion passed