

July 2019 Board Meeting

Location: NYFACS, 311 W. 120th Street, NY, NY10027

Date: July 23rd, 2020

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Attendance:

Richard Ortoli

Dionne Beckford

Dan Vos

Charmine Lucate

Jocelyn Rettic

Mason Mallory

Brandi Lilly McLean

Call to Order

1) Motion to approve July Board meeting agenda

-Motion to add an Executive Session

- None opposed, motion passed

-None opposed, motion passed

Motion to approve agenda

-Motion to approve minutes

- None opposed, motion passed

2) PTO Updates

- Uniform drive
- School supplies
- New photography company had been secured
- Branded T-shirt's
- Multicultural festival update: low turnout
- Soccer program
- Request for software purchase young designers club
- Bronx bus - take conversation offline
- New company for picture day; provide more options and have online ordering
- Parents night out on May 17 at Harlem Tavern
- Trying to get t-shirts for parents
- Multicultural Festival
 - Looking to have vendors
 - Looking to make an even bigger event this year
- Soccer Program
 - Looking for the space
- Farmer's Market
 - Not able to get started because of issues with crops
 - Looking to get set up for the Fall

3) Administrative dashboard

- PAL lease
- Office space has been agreed upon
- Classrooms will be available

- 5th grade gym lease
- School schedule
- French is there enough ; shift to prepare 2nd graders for 3rd grade proficiency
- Not enough French
- Review of delf results to improve French
- 2 teachers to train with ecole and get certified in delf
- Prep periods review
- Introduction of DEAR program
- Training at Lycee for teachers to be shared

School schedule

- Vice principal search needs to get going check with Lycee and ecole
- Motion to amend the school calendar 23rd to add to vacation April 9th to add to school day
- Summer school 65 students attending and camp higher

Building Financing

- School parent, Fred Swint, involved in financing buildings; can give some guidance in this area to help with next steps for the securing school building
- Should put in an electronic application for grant money
- 45 kindergarten / 50
- 3rd K class
- Marketing open house 6th grade and school fair
- Recruitment of governance

3)Teacher Update

- Testing went well
- Testing was in both buildings
- Teachers were meeting with the coach to make sure they were going over the benchmarks
- Would like to find a new balance with English and French; we are spending more time with the English in upper grades but we need to revisit our vision for the school balanced with the demands of testing
- Students are getting extra French support from Lycee high school students
- Looking to see how to administer the DELF officially (will get ideas from another French school)
- Would like to establish summer school this summer

Motion to removed December 23 from school calendar (will add this day back at some point in the calendar)

None opposed

Motion passed

4) Administrative Dashboard

- Current enrollment is 290
- Arranged to have PAL to use for next year
- We are still accepting applications; deadline is May 10 and we have 700 on waiting list

5) AP recruitment prices

- Will use Carnie Sandoe to do recruiting for AP position.

6) Committee Updates

None

Next board meeting: June 11, 2019