

### **October 2018 Board Meeting**

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

Date: November 27, 2018

6: 30pm-9:00pm

#### Attendance:

Brandi Lily-McLean

Richard Ortoli

Dionne Beckford

Dan Vos

Zohair Ghenania

Iyori

Joselyn Rettic

#### Call to Order

1) Motion to approve September minutes and approve October Board meeting agenda

None opposed

Motion passed

#### 2) Teacher Update

- Ms. Guiliume and Ms. Barthole: established a program for tutoring and invested in idea that people need it in the community. Make services that are affordable. There are some objections to the aspect of these teachers leaving early. Need discuss this particular situation.
- Issues with how it effects other teachers in building
- Issues about compliance with teacher contract
- Will get back to teachers about decision

#### 3) PTO Updates

- Went apple picking; had about 90 total that came
  - Rented two buses (one sponsored by the board) and parent paid for the other bus
  - Fall festival is November 10
    - Purchased bouncy house (looking to rent to other school in the future)
  - Want to have a parent's night out
  - Picture day coming
  - Looking to have a holiday party
  - Will be getting parent swag
- Parent Representative
  - Discussed first grade enrollment (large numbers and smaller classrooms)
  - Trying to recruit more class parents

#### 4) Administrative Dashboard

- Middle School
  - Sixth grade class is functioning at a high level
  - We have 17 students enrolled
  - Have installed phones and internet; are using a portable Smartboard donated by Lycee Francais
  - Last period of the day all students are enrolled in the PAL program
  - Need to start thinking about middle school recruitment
- First grade
  - Currently have 51 students in first grade
  - Asking board to hire an additional teacher to provide SPED services to first grade
  - Finance committee will look at budget
  - Could choose to hire a reading specialist using Title 1 funds
- F&P score
  - First grade needs more support with reading
  - Again, hiring a reading specialist would be the most beneficial

- Attendance
  - On target with 97%
  - Most students we lost were from the sixth grade
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- State Test
  - Overall improvement in ELA (50% of students have passed)
  - Need more work on Math scores
- Introduction of new candidate
  - Lisa Blair was interview for office manager position
    - Passionate about this community
    - Was a founding staff member of Harlem Hebrew
    - Believes in a school that is not just for the students but for families
- Banking
  - Would like to shop around for another bank; use their services but not willing to fund small projects

#### 5) Committee Updates

##### **Finance Committee**

- School audit is complete; will have a call tomorrow
- Need to submit to DOE before November 1

##### Facilities

- Looking to do the not for profit structure
- Lawyers can send advantages and disadvantages to understand the structure

Motion to analyze the not for profit structure

None opposed

Motion passed

- Still looking for response from DOE about co-location for PK-2
- Marc will be speaking with Mark Levine

##### **Development Committee**

- Looking at fundraising opportunity
- Finding ways to publicize the school more

#### 6) Board recruitment

- Need to begin recruiting new board members

Next two board meetings are November 27 @6:30 and December 11 @6:30

Motion to adjourn meeting

None opposed

Motion passed