



Board Meeting

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Date: October 12th, 2021

Start Time: 6:30PM

Attendance:

Richard Ortoli

Daniel Vos

Mason Mallory

Brandi McLean

Zohair Ghenania

Anthonia Seriki-Tshima

Emma Perennes

Call to Order

1. Motion to approve the September 2021 minutes

None opposed

Motion passed

2. Teacher Representatives (Marios Panayiotou):

- Teachers are excited for the staffing vacancies to be filled, as it causes more strain on the existing staff.

3. PTO Updates:

- Congratulations to the New PTO members, including Dr. Antonia Seriki (PTO President) and Emma Perennes (PTO Parent Representative).
- Parents would like a copy of the teacher schedules, a staff directory, and the school calendar.
- Parents are inquiring about the school's plans to replace the qualified teachers that have left.
- Parents would like to know when student laptops will be available for all students to take home.
- Parent University (a forum for parents to express their ideas, concerns, suggestions, etc.) with the Parent Liaison, Mamadou Ba, will launch its first meeting on 10/15/21.

4. Administrative Dashboard:

- Dr. Tchoumi has launched a collaborative team meeting with teachers to discuss the future academic plans for ELA, Math, and French Immersion curriculum.
- NY Edge Afterschool began on 9/27/21, but are experiencing staff shortages due to vaccine mandates and change in contract to include 6-8th graders. NYFACS teachers are providing afterschool coverage to NY Edge.

- Dr. Bertrand Tchoumi visited the Principal of Lafayette Academy, who shared their Middle School social studies program with NYFACS. NYFACS will be adopting the curriculum.
- Virtual back-to-school night on 9/27/21 was a success. NYFACS parents attended the meeting to meet the teachers and ask questions about the curriculum and NYFACS covid safety procedures.
- 10/4/21 – virtual staff meeting.
- September 2021 average attendance was 93.5%. Kindergarten has the highest attendance in the school. Special Education average attendance is 96.7%.

Discussion:

- iReady assessment results will be sent to parents.
- ELL Parent forum will be held at the of the month. Every student given the initial assessment will be sent home with the results.
- French teachers will meet with Dr. Tchoumi bi-weekly. Dr. Tchoumi is working on implementing a French assessment tool, DELF.
- Dr. Tchoumi will be working to re-establish NYFACS' relationship with Lycee Francais de New York.

Committee Updates:

- Finance & Facilities:
 1. Next meeting will be held on 10/19/21, 6PM.
 2. NYFACS is searching for a new building for the 5th-8th grade students.
 3. NYFACS is in the process of purchasing 311 West 120th Street.

5. Motion to conclude board meeting and begin executive session. Next board meeting – 11/09/21 at 6PM.

None opposed

Motion passed

6. Meeting Adjourned