



# American Dream Charter School

## **Minutes**

## **ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting**

SY24-25

#### **Date and Time**

Monday November 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM

### Location

403 Concord Avenue Bronx, NY 10454

### **Trustees Present**

A. Cabrera (remote), L. Rojas, P. Simon (remote), R. Espinal (remote), Z. Martinez (remote)

## **Trustees Absent**

None

## **Guests Present**

S. Espinal

## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

## B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Rojas called a meeting of the board of trustees of American Dream Charter School to order on Monday Nov 18, 2024 at 5:46 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

- L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 10-21-24.
- R. Espinal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **II. Educational Success**

#### A. BENCHMARK 1: Student Performance

- Data
  - Lucas is preparing an analysis that will be presented to the board soon.
- B. BENCHMARK 2: Teaching and Learning
- C. BENCHMARK 3: Culture, Climate, and Student and Family Engagement
  - College Counseling Update-Dr. M. Melkonian
    - $^{\circ}$  We are working with a consultant for the college office. His contract is due soon.
    - The college office is ahead of all of its deadlines.

## III. Organizational Soundness

- A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition
- **B.** BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management
  - Chase Bank Updates N. Gallage
    - ∘ Chase account balances given by N. Gallagher
    - We will open a new Chase checking account and change the savings account to Flagstar Bank. We are sorting out the Chase bank account issues.
- C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance:
  - Present revised annual goals N. Gallager
    - We have to indicate in the annual report whether we have met student performance goals.
    - The scoring will be determined by Met, Not Met, and Unable to access.
    - Revised goals to meet:

- All students graduating from ADCS will graduate with a Regents Diploma with a score of 65 or above on four regents exams or meeting the criteria for any state-approved alternative pathways.
- A majority of ENL students enrolled for at least two years at ADS who take the NYSESLAT will move up at least one level each year until they reach commanding.
- Including regents passage as "proficient" students who take and pass a regents exam will. What counts as proficient and broadening that.
- Remove CUNY Proficiency:
- CUNY data: College team to tell us what CUNY colleges honor AP Exams,
  what score they take and from our past classes who received credit.
- L. Rojas made a motion to Approve annual goals.
- P. Simon seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## D. BENCHMARK 7: Organizational Capacity

#### IV. Faithfulness to Charter & Law

- A. BENCHMARK 8: Mission and Key Design Elements
- B. BENCHMARK 9: Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention
  - Projected Enrollment update for SY24-25
  - ∘ 6th grade 89
  - 7th grade 88
  - ∘ 8th grade 87
  - ∘ 9th grade 96
  - 10th grade 98
  - 11th grade 80
  - 12th grade 65
  - total projected enrollment: 604 students

## C. BENCHMARK 10: Legal Compliance

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Rojas