



American Dream Charter School

Minutes

ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

SY24-25

Date and Time

Monday January 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

403 Concord Avenue
Bronx, NY 10454

Trustees Present

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

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

M. Melkonian (remote), N. Gallagher (remote), S. Espinal (remote)

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 Jan 13, 2025 at 5:41 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 12-16-24.

R. Espinal seconded the motion.

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

II. Educational Success

A. Benchmark 1: Student Performance

- College Office Update - NG
 - Data:
 - Total college applications, 225 applications private, 469 SUNY, 290 CUNY, 11 Denials.
 - Students have secured over 1M + dollars in scholarship money.

B. Benchmark 2: Teaching and Learning

- The next Break is Feb 14th-21st
- End of Marking Period #2 1/24
 - HS Data - January 17th
 - MS Data Day - February 10th
 - Instructional staff review data and relate it to student performance.
- We have 3 visits this week
 - (NYCSA) Visits The American Dream School 01/14/25
 - ECC (Jill) Visits ADS for a quality review
 - Wednesday MS
 - Thursday HS

C. BENCHMARK 3: Culture, Climate, and Student and Family Engagement

III. Organizational Soundness

A. BENCHMARK 4: Financial Condition

- **Account balances**
 - **Balances given by NG.**
 - Migrating to use the new Chase account. Transferring balances and payroll.

B. BENCHMARK 5: Financial Management

- Chase Bank Updates

Mid-Year Spending Report Ready for February - After ASNY closes the December Books.

- We will present it to the board for the February meeting.

C. BENCHMARK 6: Board Oversight and Governance:

- Annual Goals Update
 - No updates today.

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

Actual Enrollment update for SY24-25

- 6th grade - 89
- 7th grade - 88
- 8th grade - 87
- 9th grade - 96
- 10th grade - 97
- 11th grade - 80
- 12th grade - 66

total projected enrollment: 603 students

C. BENCHMARK 10: Legal Compliance

V. Other Business

A. Conversation with NYC DOE

- Conversation with NYC DOE to possibly get more space for MS
 - The approved enrollment is 600, we can not build above this number.
- Applications for next school year on school mint:
 - 6 grade, 61 applications.
 - 7 grade, 9 applications.
 - 8 grade, 2 applications.
 - 9 grade, 108 applications.
 - 10 grade, 6 applications.
 - 11 grade, 9 applications.

- 12 grade, 1 application.

VI. 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 5:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Rojas