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American Dream Charter School

Minutes

ADCS II Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

SY26-27

Date and Time
Monday October 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Location
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3880187236

Meeting ID: 892 3909 4103

Trustees Present
A. Cabrera, L. Rojas, P. Simon, R. Espinal, Z. Martinez

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
N. Gallagher, 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 Oct 26, 2026 at 6:13 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

L. Rojas made a motion to approve the minutes from ADCS II Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting on 09-21-26.
Z. Martinez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Startup Activities

- ADCS II is fully operational, with regular school programming and activities underway.
- Current enrollment remains at 17 students, with recruitment efforts ongoing.
- Staff continue community outreach in the surrounding neighborhood and at One Fordham Plaza to recruit additional students.
- Although the school remains under-enrolled, daily operations and student programming are continuing.
- Staff are temporarily using mobile hotspots while permanent internet service is being arranged through Spectrum.
- Calvin De Leon is providing part-time custodial support three evenings per week.

II. Facility

A. Facility Updates

Facilities Update

- Three of the four Fire Department violations issued in August have been resolved.
- The remaining violation concerns the S-95 Certificate. Although the certification has been obtained, the physical card has not yet been received and must be presented during inspection.
- Efforts to obtain the card are ongoing. A new application may be submitted if necessary.
- The facility is in good condition, with security cameras installed at the main entrance and a school safety plan in place.
- Certain safety documents and information still require updates and posting on the school's website.

Furniture, Equipment, and Technology Update

- ADCS II received substantial donations of classroom furniture, including student desks, significantly reducing startup furnishing expenses.
- Approximately 20 Chromebooks and classroom projectors were purchased to support instructional needs.

- Chromebook usage has been limited as the school emphasizes instructional practices that are less reliant on technology.
- Additional purchases included office furniture and classroom decorations to create welcoming learning environments.
- The school is adequately equipped with essential classroom furniture and equipment, with minimal expenditures required for furnishing the campus.

III. Finance

A. Financial Condition

Account Balances and CSP Grant Reimbursements

- The school's Chase Bank operating account currently reflects a low balance due to outstanding reimbursements from the first year of the CSP grant.
- CSP grant reimbursement requests have not yet been submitted and are a priority for completion by Friday, October 30, 2026.
- Submission of these reimbursements is expected to improve the school's available operating funds and overall cash flow.
- The school also maintains a PPAC escrow account.

IV. Other Business

A. Other Items

Student Recruitment and Open Houses

- ADCS II has scheduled open houses advertised through the New York City Charter School Center.
- Families interested in enrollment may also schedule individual school visits outside the regularly scheduled open houses.
- Enrollment inquiries are directed to Evette Alba, who coordinates campus visits and assists prospective families.
- Recruitment for the upcoming school year is ongoing, with particular attention to ninth- and tenth-grade enrollment.

PowerSchool Implementation

- ADCS II is in the process of completing its PowerSchool implementation.

- The school has been added as an additional campus under the existing PowerSchool system, eliminating the need for a separate contract.

Teacher Certification

- ADCS II educators are participating in the same certification planning process implemented across the American Dream Charter School network.
- Uncertified teachers have been instructed to develop individual certification plans outlining their progress toward New York State certification.

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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. Rojas