



Summit Academy Charter School

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location

27 Huntington Street Brooklyn, NY 11231

Trustees Present

M. Bernard (remote), V. Connelly (remote), W. Colavito (remote)

Trustees Absent

A. Murray, M. Nieves, S. Jallow

Guests Present

Brigitte Williams (remote), Lottie Almonte (remote), M. Kohlhagen (remote), M. Spencer-Edwards, N. Campbell (remote), S. Handshaw (remote), Tremaine Price (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Colavito called a meeting of the board of trustees of Summit Academy Charter School to order on Tuesday Apr 19, 2022 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

V. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes from March Board Meeting on 03-15-22.

W. Colavito seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.

II. Academic Excellence

A. Principal's Report

First Day Back

- Several staff members were out with COVID
- The team managed coverages despite the shortage of staff

Personnel for Next Year

- There are several interviews set up for the coming two weeks
- Likely need a full MS team
- Looking to fill all SPED and ENL positions for the coming school year
- A committee of leadership, teachers, CEI rep will engage in the hiring process
- If we have substitute teachers who are interested in becoming certified, they can do it through the Emergency Covid-19 certification program

Enrollment

- The numbers have dropped by 2. Scholars have moved to YABC programs because they are overaged and under-credited.

Testing

- HS Math teacher will support with MS prep for the state assessment

Recruitment

- A three-pronged approach to recruitment: Building brand awareness, Fleshing out programs, and engaging applicants.
- Arts Academy
 - Adding music to the program
 - Adding visual arts to the program
 - Additional staffing necessary to widen the program
 - A partnership with Red Hook Art Project allows us to offer some courses
 - Course tracks have been created for the Arts
 - Preparing Scholars for Art auditions
- Athletics Program
 - A number of accomplishments to attract new families
 - Plan to flesh out additional sports. We are looking to identify coaches now so that we can secure more sports

- Using open gym to recruit middle school scholars
- Charter league championships have helped to attract new scholars
- STEM
 - Project Boost has created an amazing art project with a focus on social justice
 - ESPORTS lounge is underway and plans set us on a path for a full room
 - Brooklyn Nets Crew came to the school and donated gaming chairs to the school
 - Robotics has been an exciting program for MS. We plan to expand it for next year
- Participation in the Parks & Rec Ribbon Cutting with the Mayor.

III. Finance

A. March Financials

- Closing out this year's budget and decreasing the budget from \$400,000

IV. Executive Session

A. Voting for New Member

Lottie Almonte was voted on in the executive session but it needs to be done during a public meeting. A special meeting will be scheduled for next week to conduct an open vote and vote on the 990.

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 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Bernard