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Summit Academy Charter School

Minutes

January Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Trustees Present
C. McCants (remote), M. Bernard (remote), V. Connelly (remote)

Trustees Absent
A. Murray, A. Young, K. Montgomery, L. Almonte, M. Nieves, S. Pérez-Sadler

Guests Present
Everett Hughs (remote), Frances Levine (remote), Gustavo Leppe (remote), Juned Haque (remote), M. Kohlhagen, M. Spencer-Edwards, N. Campbell, Raisa Schwanbeck (remote), S. Handshaw

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Approve Minutes

V. Connelly made a motion to approve the minutes from December Board Meeting on 12-19-23.
C. McCants seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic Excellence

A. Principal's Report

The board has not met quorum as of yet, so the Principal will present data as a point of discussion. There are no items to vote on in under the Principal's report.

Vacancies

- 1 HS Spanish teacher

New Hires

- MS Social Studies Teacher- Mr. Broder
- HS History Teacher- Mr. Thomas
- HS Math Teacher- Ms. Fischer

Enrollment & Recruitment
MS total: 99. HS total: 166. Total: 265

- **In January, as our migrant scholars shifted shelters, new residents began to register.**
  - This week alone we registered 4 new migrant scholars. All families came by word of mouth
- **Creating marketing campaign for the coming school year**
  - Facebook Lead Ads
  - Constant Contact Marketing
  - Vanguard engaged to do mailers via the DOE system

Recruitment Tools

- **Website Revisions**
  - **www.sacsny.com**
- **Open House Sessions planned and shared with our local organizations. Dates are:**
  - Feb. 27, 2024 and by appointment
- Ramped up social media campaign with new videos and pictures posted regularly.
- Using social media to celebrate Black History Month and Women's History Month and attract new followers
- Summit Bus I has plates and is ready to hit the road
  - Thank you Ms. Handshaw and Mr. Carson for your diligence with this tedious process

Mock Assessments

- Last week students in Grades 6-11 took Mock Regents and State exams.
- Students were tested under State testing conditions
- The results from these assessments will allow us to determine their strengths and weaknesses. Then we will use Mastery Connect to assess students every 6-8 weeks on those standards that scholars are deficient in.
- For Semester 2 daily class instruction will include test preparation embedded in the lesson plans. We have created a Algebra 1 test prep for upper class students who need an Math regents.
- SACS school leadership has developed a daily testing schedule for MS that will track students month by month.
- We will also conduct 2 additional Mock Regents and State mock assessments leading up to the actual state assessments in the Spring.

Reflections on Public Hearing

- Teacher and Parent testimonials
- Board Member testimonials
- Next Steps
- SACS Focus: 2nd Semester
- Questions & Comments

Scholastics Book Fair: SACS partnered with Scholastics to host our first book fair.

- Fair opened to middle and high school scholars for 4 days
- AP Price hosted a pre-fair walk through so scholars could check out the merchandise
- ELA teachers in MS created a read-a-thon for scholar to begin at the end of the fair to encourage scholars to read their new books

5th Annual Education Matters Gala

Michael Bernard opened the floor for discussion from guests.

- Frances Levine speaking on behalf of the coaches
    - Coaches are upset that they haven't gotten paid.
    - The science coach said he will not come back until until he is paid
    - The ELA coach said it does not make fiscal sense to to remain a part of the team if the work is cut down to one day per week.
- Virginia Connelly (on behalf of CEI)
    - Once Summit began making payments to CEI, consultants were paid

- Current rate to keep consultants costs $45,000 per month. Summit payments are in or around $31,000 per month
- Ms. Handshaw, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Hughes have been seeking to identify funds to cover the additional costs

III. 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 6:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Campbell