



Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Location

1580 Dean St. – 3rd Fl., Brooklyn, NY

Trustees Present

C. Hess, D. Hazelwood, G. Lee, J. Harber, N. Lemerond (remote), R. MacIntyre, R. Stopol

Trustees Absent

J. Latimer, N. Lirette

Guests Present

E. Kussell, G. Roehm, J. Williams, R. Rocker

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Ross MacIntyre video conference.

Richard Stopol pending SED approval.

Clara Hess pending SED approval.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Harber called a meeting of the board of trustees of Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School to order on Thursday Mar 22, 2018 at 6:35 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Harber made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-15-18 Board Meeting on 02-15-18.

G. Lee seconded the motion.

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

II. New Board Candidate - Clara Hess

A. Meet Board Candidate Clara Hess

The ED gave a more in depth introduction to new board candidate Clara Hess by sharing information about her employment history, experiences, and accolades. C. Hess discussed her interest in joining the board, which was followed by a board discussion led by J. Harber.

III. Action Item

A. Approval of Board Candidate

J. Harber made a motion to to approved of board candidate Clara Hess.

R. MacIntyre seconded the motion.

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

IV. Spotlight - 2018 High School Acceptance Data

A. 2018 High School Acceptance Data

Alexis Rubin, Director of Outreach, did a presentation on recently received high school acceptance data for the class of 2018. Data shows that Launch students will be attending high schools where the average graduation rate is 38% higher than the district's average graduation rate. A current 8th grade student gave a brief presentation about the high school process and her acceptances. A. Rubin and the Executive Director answered questions about the overall process from past to present.

V. Presentation - EL Credentialing Process

A. Present the Process to Become an EL Credentialed School

Cal Hastings, Chief Schools Officer for NYC Outward Bound, presented on the process for becoming an EL Education credentialed school, followed by a lengthy board discussion.

VI. Action Item

A. Elementary School Leadership Recommendation

The Executive Director updated the board on the interview process for the Head of School candidate, Lori Riddick, for the new elementary school. The New Schools Committee made a recommendation to approve the hiring of Ms. Riddick. NYC Outward Bound supported the committee's recommendation based on their interview. The board asked questions and engaged in a discussion about the candidate.

J. Harber made a motion to approve the Head of School candidate.

R. MacIntyre seconded the motion.

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

VII. Committee Report

A. New Schools Committee Presentation

R. MacIntyre presented on the progress of researching options for a private space for the new elementary school. The board was informed about a proposed three-phase process for securing private space, and the initial research being conducted to inform decisions about the proposal. Following the presentation, J. Harber led a brief discussion.

VIII. Information Items

A. ED Report

The Executive director requested feedback on Launch Board Retreat topics. A brief discussion occurred amongst board members. No FYI topics were discussed.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Harber made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Hazelwood seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Hazelwood