



Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday January 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Location

1580 Dean St., 3rd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11213

Trustees Present

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

Trustees Absent

N. Lemerond

Guests Present

A. Rubin, C. Schlafer, E. Kussell, G. Roehm, R. Rocker

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

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 Wednesday Jan 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Harber made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-28-18 Board Meeting on 11-28-18.

G. Lee seconded the motion.

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

II. Launch Middle Leadership Transition

A. Presentation on Launch Middle

Efrat Kussell, Launch middle Head of School, presented on the leadership transition, goals, and next steps for the school. She presented her goals for the 18-19SY: increasing in proficiency for all sub-groups on the NYST, retaining staff members and meeting the annual workplan learning targets. Efrat answered brief questions from the board.

III. Renewal and Expansion

A. Discussion current state of renewal and expansion

The Executive Director presented on the current state of renewal and expansion efforts. The ED updated the board on Regent Cashin's January 9th visit and efforts to invite the chancellor to visit Launch as well as Launch's parent outreach work. The ED answered brief questions from the board.

IV. LES Site Search

A. Update on 196 Albany

The Executive Director presented on progress made toward securing a private site if the school is approved for expansion. Launch has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) for a site and has an initial concept design for Launch elementary. Launch is also starting to work with a highly recommended owner's representation firm, UPC. The Executive Director answered brief questions from the board.

V. Branding

A. Update on branding and website development

The Executive Director and the Director of External Affairs updated the board on the schools branding work and new website development. Launch's new website will launch this spring. Launch also contracted with a designer in order to update our color and font and design schemes.

VI. Information Items

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Update on Information Items

The Executive Director presented key information items to the board:

- Recruitment: Launch has received applications for the middle school that put it ahead of last year's pace
- Launch's ESSA accountability rating is 'in good standing'.
- Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School's seventh-grade project Black History Geometric Portraits has been accepted into the EL Education's Models of Excellence collection. The entire Launch team is especially proud of our digital media teacher, Tiana Scott.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Harber made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

R. Stopol 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 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Hazelwood