



Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

Minutes

July Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday July 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Trustees Present

B. Girley (remote), E. Siminerio (remote), J. Almonte (remote), J. Harris (remote), K. Mangual (remote), M. Rosenthal (remote)

Trustees Absent

B. Wilson, J. Patrick, K. Smith, S. Mlynar, T. Almonte

Guests Present

C. Reyes (remote), J. Pichardo (remote), J. Sandoval (remote), M. Hackett (remote), V. Hoekstra (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Siminerio called a meeting of the board of trustees of Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School to order on Tuesday Jul 21, 2020 at 7:10 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

K. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from June Board Retreat on 06-20-20.

B. Girley seconded the motion.

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

II. CEO Report

A. Intro to Shuvi Santo, Board Candidate

Q&A with Shuvi regarding her interest in joining the IAL Board. Shuvi is Vice President, University Partnership at the NYU Steinhardt School at HotChalk, Inc.

B. IAL Re-entry Plan

Christina, Jenny, Mary & Val presented the preliminary re-entry plan for the 2020-2021 academic year. The plan must be submitted to NYSED and NYSDOH by 7/31, with Board vote in August. The plan will be presented to families in a series of Town Hall meetings and is based on 5 guiding principles: (1) keep it clear and simple (and don't forget to communicate), (2) hold high expectations for students' success, (3) address inequities head on, (4) support and assume the best of your stakeholders, (5) lean on community partners. The plan contains details in 3 key areas: (1) Health & safety, (2) Educating each student on what matters most, (3) Continuing connections. Plans will be finalized once we receive Gov Cuomo's orders on August 1st.

III. Academic Committee Update

A. Graduation Update

Currently 89.3% graduation rate for the 2019-2020 cohort, with the goal of getting up to 91% by the end of August. This is slightly higher than last year, with a cohort of 10 more students.

IV. Facilities & Facilities Taskforce

A. Quick Updates

Taskforce had kickoff conversation with auditors today.

Board members submit Financial Disclosure Forms to Jenny before 7/31.

V. Fundraising Committee

A. Quick Updates

Denise Canniff will be leaving IAL, but assisting the team through end of July. The taskforce is helping assess overall SIA team structure and future needs. In the interim, we'll utilize internal resources and external consultants to fill the gaps.

We'll be reaching out for all Trustees to complete the Trustee Engagement Plans for the 2020-2021 academic year to indicate how they would like to contribute to the fundraising efforts of the school.

VI. Executive Session (adjourned meeting for Executive Session)

A. Board Candidate Vote

M. Rosenthal made a motion to Invite Shuvi Santo to join the IAL Board of Trustees.

J. Almonte seconded the motion.

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

VII. 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Siminerio