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## Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

### Minutes

#### September Board of Trustees Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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##### Trustees Present

C. Talero (remote), J. Almonte, J. Looney (remote), J. Patrick, K. Smith, M. Rosenthal, S. Mlynar, V. Singh (remote)

##### Trustees Absent

B. Wilson, K. Mangual, S. Santo

##### Guests Present

B. Mercedes, C. Reyes, J. Pichardo, N. Polanco

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Record Attendance

##### B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Rosenthal called a meeting of the board of trustees of Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School to order on Tuesday Sep 19, 2023 at 7:11 PM.

##### C. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from August Board of Trustees Meeting on 08-15-23. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Board Committee Reports

### A. CEO report

The board interviewed a potential Board Candidate.

Updates:

- Orientation Week was great this year

Upcoming Events:

- Board Breakfast- Nov 7th at 7:30AM
- Roots & Recipes
  - Staff and families bring food and we have judges choose the best dishes
  - Board members are welcomed to attend

School Wide Goals

- Becoming HRS Certified Levels 1-3 by June 2025
  - The first school in NYC to receive certification
- Successfully launching the elementary school by August 2024
- Earn a five-year renewal by June 2025

School Wide Goals:

- Academics:
  - NYS Exams - Math +18%, ELA - +2%
  - Algebra 1 Regents +30%, English Regents +10%
- 80% of students in grades 5 - 12 in reading intervention programs (Just Words and Wilson) will meet end of year benchmarks (Just Words) or increase their score by 30% (Wilson)
  - Just Words is a course on its own
    - Whole School average- 81%
      - You have to have 80 or above on the unit to move on
    - Many students on average scored 80% or above on their end of unit assessments which allowed them to move to the next step.
    - About 50% of the students in Wilson were able to complete the first Step in the program.
    - We increased instructional days from 4 days a week to 5 days a week for reading intervention programs
    - Looking Ahead:
      - Elimination of the Wednesday half days allows for an extra day of reading intervention.

- Provision of more homogenous reading intervention groupings
  - a more personalized schedule for all MS students to address reading gaps

## Culture

- HS and MS has kicked off with a primary focus around Social Emotional Learning.
  - 1 to 2 days per/week of advisory is dedicated to academic and behavioral advising along with student goal setting.
- MS & HS increased their use of the Kickboard platform to report positive and negative interactions.
  - Teachers didn't always understand how to log incidents into Kickboard correctly.
  - Moving forward we will have a SY 23-24 suspension goal
- 70% of students will say that students never or rarely harass, bully or intimidate other students.
  - IAL students responded more favorably than the district in most grades.
  - 10th grade was an anomaly, and we are investigating the outcome of this data.

## B. Finance and Facilities Report

### III. Other Business

#### A. OML

Remote locations of board members were noticed properly as locations the public could join the meeting.

### IV. 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 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Rosenthal