



Inwood Academy for Leadership Charter School

Minutes

September Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

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