



Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

BLCS November 2017 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday November 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Location

Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Trustees Present

J. Lopez-Molina, N. Jones, R. Granado, V. Caba

Trustees Absent

B. Thompson, E. DeGonzalez

Guests Present

A. Duggins, David Kaplan, J. Finney, M. Dorsey, Stacy Sutherland, T. Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Lopez-Molina called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday Nov 16, 2017 at 7:15 PM.

Meeting called to order at 7:16 PM

II. Public Comments

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School Nurse: Elaine Dinkins Asking for mural for her office/room

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III. Board Governance

A. Board Governance

Javier Lopez-Molina:

5 Key Goals listed in Board on Track /Section OKRs

Encourages all to review Board on Track notes

Introduction of new board candidate: Stacy Sutherland

Nikali Jones:

Update on Academic Committee meeting she held with Principals and the progress made.

Principal Alix Duggins:

Provides details on the Charter Agreement handout as it relates to academic goals and objectives for testing, school graduation and school charter renewal preparation.

Principal Travis Brown:

Provides insight on the special population groups that the school services and the relationship these groups have with school academic goals. DOE/SUNY graduation goals comparison: DOE - 4 Year Graduation Goal / SUNY- 6 Year Graduation Goal.
School looking into acquiring a user friendly data management system.

IV. Executive Director Comments/Report

A. LHA Executive Director Report

Travis Brown:

- Recruiting new teachers- NYU Program discussed.
- NYU recruits the teachers for the school.

- Participation Cost \$10,000 to University per year/ per resident.
- BLCS needs to establish the number of residents needed.
- Program participation may require budget amendment for next school year.
- Reactor Consultant update - Current recruitment methods are outdated (90's)
- Recruitment new hire still in the works
- School Culture - Class training on measuring culture in classroom. Activity to start in December 2017
- Yard Stick Management

V. Facility

A. Facility Updates

Roof Work has begun at the lower academy as of 11/13/2017

VI. Finance

A. Building Financing

B. Finance Report

Robb Granado:

- Financial highlights enrollment
- Audit observation discussed, no findings.
- School financial package presented to several banks and other financial institutions.
- Capital Impact visited school on 11/15/2017
- 5 Don't Lend to Charter School , 1 uncomfortable with 3 Year renewal, 4 not familiar with NY
- Term Sheets by Early December 2017
- By next Board Meeting, John will be able to provide better choice of financial options.

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to Approve Financial Report.

N. Jones seconded the motion.

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

VII. School Operations

A. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve minutes from the BLCS October 2017 Board Meeting on 10-19-17 BLCS October 2017 Board Meeting on 10-19-17.

N. Jones seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Executive Session 8: 59 PM - 9: 02 PM

Motion to Add Stacy Sutherland to the BLCS Board

Second by Nikali Jones - All Agreed

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Lopez-Molina

IX. Board Member Interviews

A. New Trustee Interview

Stacy Sutherland provided brief self introduction.

Currently employed at DOE. Works with Community School and Support 22 Schools throughout the Bronx manage the budget and renewal list.