



# Pharos Academy Charter School

# Minutes

BLCS December 2017 Board Meeting

Date and Time Thursday December 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Location Bronx Lighthouse Charter School

Trustees Present E. DeGonzalez, J. Lopez-Molina, N. Jones, V. Caba

**Trustees Absent** B. Thompson, R. Granado

Guests Present A. Duggins, D. Kaplan, J. Finney, M. Dorsey, S. 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 Dec 14, 2017 at 6:45 PM.

# **II. Public Comments**

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#### **Public Comments**

Ashley Quinn - 5 Minute Presentation - Hispanic Heritage Hand Out Parent (Sharon) presented concern of Science books for 4th-6th Grade Scholars . Parents presented concern related to teachers leaving and the replacement of those teachers.

Parent concerned with scholars that need additional help. Can there be an assistant for 2nd Grade.

Principal suggest parents to schedule a meeting to discuss concerns presented.

#### **III. Board Governance**

#### A. Board Governance

Board Goals still waiting for DOE to approve Stacy Sutherland and David Kaplan

Academic Committee report presented by Nikali Jones. Working with Principals regarding the data collection process.

CPA Principal Report CPA Principal discuss benchmark numbers and SAT data

LA Principal Report Enrollment numbers and attendance data discussed Suspension types and incidents discussed Teacher resignations and School Nurse transition Crossing Guard activity mentioned Academic data discussed General updates and school events discussed - Fire Alarm covers, Emergency BackPacks, Lice Treatment, Building Walkthroughs.

#### **IV. Executive Director Comments/Report**

#### A. LHA Executive Director Report

Mention of the loss of LHA Director of Operations

Interim assessment data explained and discussed. Next interim data collection will be in March 2018 .

Chess Club/Cultured and the impact on Math discussed.

NYU Program ready to move forward with recruiting and hiring program. Program extended to current staff members.

Discussed employee satisfaction survey results .

K-12 Alignment Future plans for High School scholars to tutor Elementary scholars with possible compensation.

Science labs to be converted to Gaming Lab in the near future - February 2018 Political advocacy meeting results discussed. (Evelyn & Brown met with Mary Sol Rodriguez)

# V. Finance

# A. Building Financing

Refinancing discussed - Refinancing of 2011 Loan 11 Handouts discussed.

# B. Finance Report

Monthly Financials discussed J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to Approve December Financials. V. Caba seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

# **VI. School Operations**

# A. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve minutes from the BLCS November 2017Board Meeting on 11-16-17 BLCS November 2017 Board Meeting on 11-16-17.N. Jones seconded the motion.The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### VII. Closing Items

# A. Adjourn Meeting

Enter Executive Session, 9:45PM - Invited: Stacy, David, Alix Exit 9:56 PM Enter Executive Session invited: Stacy, David Exit Executive Session at 10:51 PM There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, M. Dorsey

#### VIII. Board Member Interviews

#### A. New Trustee Interview

Eric Kinsey interviewed

- J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to Erin Kinsey Board Member.
- E. DeGonzalez seconded the motion.

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