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# Next Generation Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Thursday October 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM

**Location**
180 W. 165th Street, Bronx, NY 10452

**Trustees Present**
A. Ferranti (remote), A. Laraway (remote), C. Corrigan, G. Goldsmith, J. Haber, J. Lee, J. Roland, T. Bryan

**Trustees Absent**
*None*

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**
A. Laraway, J. Roland

**Trustees who left before the meeting adjourned**
A. Laraway

**Guests Present**
Keshia Rahab, Lisnelia Fiugeroa, M. Alston, M. Rousseau (remote), Sean Gallagher, T. Milsap, T. Williams, Tony Tempesta

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Haber called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday Oct 27, 2016 at 7:01 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

T. Bryan made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-22-16 Board Meeting on 09-22-16.
C. Corrigan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Finance

### A. Financial Report

The auditors from Marks Paneth presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. They issued a clean opinion.

Ms. Corrigan reviewed the September Financial statements. Ms. Corrigan followed-up with the BOT on some issues raised at the last meeting about guidelines for cash-on-hand and budgeting for expenses related to the opening of the high school.
T. Bryan made a motion to approve financials.
J. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
A. Laraway arrived.
J. Roland arrived.

## III. Board Retreat Agenda

### A. Board Retreat Agenda

Mr. Gallagher introduced himself as the Board on Track governance coach for MetLCS. The goals for the upcoming Board Retreat are to talk about governance best practices and working with a CMO, as well as goals for the school in the upcoming year.
A. Laraway left.

## IV. Facilities

### A. Building Financing

Ms. Corrigan introduced the facilities report about the financing of the building. Ms. Russell led a discussion about the project plan for financing the building, including the process for the RFQ for a Financial Advisor that was disseminated in October. An ad hoc subcommittee of the board will review the proposals with Ms. Russell and will recommend finalists at the November board meeting.

## V. Principal's Report

### A. Principal's Report

Ms. Williams provided the Principal's Report. She discussed the NWEA results and interim assessments that begin in November.

Ms. Williams and Ms. Milsap presented a new MetLCS Dashboard. It was built to meet both the Board and Management's needs.

Ms. Williams discussed a proposal for a Saturday tutoring program beginning in January for scholars in the Upper Academy; a proposed budget will be presented at the November meeting.

## VI. Education Committee

### A. Education Committee Update

The Education Committee solicited feedback on the dashboard.

## VII. RVP Report

### A. RVP Report

Ms. Milsap updated the board on the focus of the Leadership Team to review the curriculum and strengthen instructional techniques to ensure all students are engaged in the lesson. Ms. Milsap updated the board on the status of student assessments and a dashboard for tracking MetLCS's progress. MetLCS has been implementing restorative justice approaches to student behavioral issues. Ms. Milsap discussed goals for student improvement and the on-site visit from the LHA support team. The leadership team will develop a plan for improvement based on what was observed.

## VIII. MDO Report

### A. Managing Director of Operations

Ms. Alston provided an update on the status of the issue with the HVAC compressor. The board recommend pursuing recouping costs from CSSS and that leadership provide a proposal about ongoing relationship with the CSSS management team.

Ms. Alston provided a sign-up sheet for Board members interested in visiting the school.

## IX. Public Comments

### A. New item

A parent in attendance expressed an interest in more playground space for the school.

## X. 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 9:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Haber