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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

MetLCS March 2018 Board Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Location
180 W. 165th Street Bronx, NY

Trustees Present
A. Bothner, A. Khatiwada, G. Goldsmith, J. Haber (remote), J. Lee, T. Bryan

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
C. Ginty, Kurt Davidson, Leslie Williams, M. Alston, M. Mustafa (remote), Svitlana Nesterova, T. Brown, T. Williams

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Bothner called a meeting of the board of trustees of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Thursday Mar 22, 2018 at 6:36 PM.

C. Review the Agenda

Aaron Bothner reviewed the agenda and stated that we would not go in usual order to ensure that the Board president can participate in the conversation via phone.

II. Principal's Report

A. K - 9 Update

Tyra reported on the PAL report. The school had a visit from the DOE. This visit was a pre-visit to prepare the school for the upcoming charter renewal. Tyra states the visit went well. The DOE wants to make sure the school is properly prepared for charter renewal. Aaron ask what are the next steps. The DOE will create a dashboard that will help guide the school with the renewal. The renewal visit will take two days. One concern the DOE had was the number of SpEd scholars we currently have enrolled. The DOE wants our school to match our school district's number which is which is 25%. We currently are at 14%. The DOE also suggest we make ELL students priority on our school application. If the subgroups are not matched to the district, the charter renewal will be only a 3 year renewal. The DOE suggests the school change the application to make SpEd a priority also. Tyra continues to report on the PAL report and states reports that there are no suspensions for the month. Aaron suggest we hear more the DOE and the charter renewal at next month's meeting. If the applications need to be updated, there will need to be a board approval to make the changes. Jessica ask if there is a policy about changing a school application. The lottery application reflects the school's inclusive policy to allow/encourage all scholars and families to apply and consider the school.

III. MetCPA Principal Presentations

A. Principal Presentations

Kurt Davidson shares his vision for MetLCS K - 8. Kurt talks about his professional background. Kurt has been apart of Met for 3 years. He is very excited about the work done at Met. Kurt talks about one of the scholars and how he wants them to be prepared for high school. Kurt describes his vision for the scholars. His vision is for our scholars to leave Met empowered on a trajectory towards college and career. Three key focus points in his vision are academics, culture, and business. Each focus is based on engagement, rigor, and empowerment. Tyra begins her presentation for the MetCPA. She discuss the CPA Vision and Mission. Tyra discuss her key focus in academics, college and career readiness, and school culture. Each key focus is grouped into rigor, relevance, and relationships. Tyra describes the vision two schools one Met. Tyra describes the house system that she hopes to bring to CPA. The house system would go throughout the entire school. The house system would give the scholars a feeling of belonging at Met. She will make connections with other leaders that has already started a high school like Travis and Alix at the sister school. Tyra is ready for the trial and error part. She is excited for the possible opportunity of making the CPA her own.

IV. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

A.Bothner states to go into executive session to discuss the MetLCS K - 8 and MetCPA 9 - 10 Principal presentations. T. Bryan seconded.

A. Bothner motions to exit executive session. J. Lee seconded the motion.

V. Executive Director Report

A. Monthly Update

Travis presents his ED report. Travis discusses the ACR visit done at the schools. He discusses the different subgroups for SpEd and how the school becomes one with the community. The candidate for the Associate Director of Talent position declined the position. Aaron asks if there is another method in place for finding a new person. Travis gives the board Math and ELA data. The data for ELA is aligned, but for the math the schools are not aligned.The board wants the two schools to be aligned with the calendar and with the assessments. Aaron wants the Education committee to assist with this. The Ed committee will bring something to the board next meeting.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

There are no public comments to report.

VII. School Operations

A. Financial Report

Mary Beth is not available. Aaron Bothner briefly went over the financials from February 2018. He then discussed the budget amendment document. An in depth discussion ensued in regards to the amendment. Tyra presented her rationale for the budget amendment items. She discussed the impact that the approval of the budget amendment will have. Aaron wants to approve classroom supplies: state test inventory, science fair, CPA college tour.
A. Bothner made a motion to Approve February 2018 financials.
T. Bryan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
A. Bothner made a motion to Approve state test inventory, science fair components of the budget amendment only at this time.
A. Khatiwada seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Facilities Report

A. Facilities Report

Mansoor Mustafa presents on the monthly facilities report for Met. Mustafa reports on the construction projects and structural repairs. Mansoor presents a rooftop bid to the board that he received today. Mansoor presented that the this bid was more economical better for the school. Full proposal/construction contract will be presented to the entire board next month. LHA has requested a third party to help with the Turner negotiation.

Mansoor presents the security contracts, recommending the SecureWatch24 vendor for the new security. The board needs to approve an increase in funding for the new security vendor due to an upgrade in the system. The board asked to see a breakdown of the fees for SecureWatch 24 before any approvals.

IX. Board Governance

A. Approve Minutes from March 5, 2018 Board Meeting

A. Bothner made a motion to approve minutes from the MetLCS February 2018 Board Meeting on 03-05-18 MetLCS February 2018 Board Meeting on 03-05-18.
A. Khatiwada seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Board Governance

X. Board Member Interviews

A. Interview

Svitlana Nesterova begins her presentation with her professional background. She states that the charter school is different from what she is used to. She wants all children to have a strong education like she did. Her background is in law and economics. Svitlana discussed that she is very interested in diving right into the board duties and committees.
A. Bothner made a motion to appoint Svitlana to the MET board.
J. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

XI. 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 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Bothner

XII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

A.Bothner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss board candidate. J.Lee seconded the motion. A conversation ensues around Svitlana Nesterova and her candidacy to serve on the MetLCS Board. A. Bothner makes a motion to exit executive session. T. Bryan seconded the motion.