



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 21st, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustee (the “Board” or “BoT”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “MHCS”) was held on the above date beginning at 5:35 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

- The following Trustees were present via video conference: Dr. Patrick Awosogba, Karen Bhatia, Sandra Lugo, Jason Caldwell, Lynn James Turnbull and Francesca Weindling.
- The following Trustees were absent: Don Mabrey and Luis Quan.
- The following school staff and guests were present: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director; and Josh Moreau, Financial Consultant.

Call to order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

- After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:35p.m.
- No public comments.
- Change to “Excessing of staff due to DOE positions” on minutes of April 16th, 2024 minutes made by Karen Bhatia.
- Motion was made for approval of April 16th, 2024 minutes.
- Connie Lobdell:
 - Mid-term visit with Dr. Johnson
 - Addressed benchmarks
 - Collecting information at this time
 - Quick and pleasant meeting
 - Positive engagement and conversations
 - Karen Bhatia – Positive meeting, specific and thorough
 - Sandra Lugo – Dr. Johnson commented on IB as being a positive move for adding a grade
 - Dr. Patrick Awosogba – Holding the board accountable was what he gleaned from meeting with Dr. Johnson. She was also encouraging.
 - Jason Caldwell – Conversation with Dr. Johnson seemed thorough and thoughtful.
- Josh Moreau:
 - Refreshed timeline on budget
 - Balanced for next year (2024-2025)
 - Finance committee will meet again prior to next board meeting
 - Budget approval will take place at next board meeting
- Dr. Awosogba:
 - Finance committee meeting held on May 20th, 2024
 - Education committee in September – Sandra Lugo, Dr. Patrick Awosogba and Lynn James Turnbull
 - Reinstating International Baccalaureate (IB)

- Space due to existing issues
 - Emailed DOE regarding space
- Committees: Finance, Education, Space and Fundraising
- Planning for 2024-2025 school year
- Loss of some staff members
- Enrollment
- Connie Lobdell:
 - Attended state webinar regarding Computer Based Testing (CBT)
 - MHCS ahead of curve – no setbacks
 - Shared ideas on what it looks like for next year
 - Changing scheduling for next year
 - Testing periods in the morning – will be doing it differently
 - Dr. Patrick Awosogba commended Connie Lobdell for her vision in preparing students for CBT
 - Current enrollment:
 - 6th – 52, 7th – 62, 8th – 73 = 187 students
 - Applications:
 - 6th – 57, 7th – 6, 8th – 3
 - Projected enrollment at this time for 2024-2025:
 - 6th – 57, 7th – 58, 8th – 65 = 180
 - Goal for enrollment is 185 but confident enrollment will be more
 - Proposed adding a 12:1 class for 2024-2025
 - Address student needs
 - 12:1 bridge class – 6th/7th or 7th/8th
 - Parent-to-Parent scheduled for Friday, May 24th, 2024
 - Have incentives for students and parents to increase enrollment by referring students
 - Online onboarding for student registration
 - Coordinating with Parent Coordinator of P.S. 63
 - Luis Quan and Don Mabrey referring parents to MHCS
 - Resistance to advocating for recruitment from Parent Coordinators from other public schools
 - Dr. Patrick Awosogba will contact schools in the community
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) –
 - Trina coming in 5/22/24. She will be guiding, navigating and supporting reimplantation of IB, which was not done before
 - IB being reinstated
 - Identify someone as IB Coordinator
 - IB Professional Development
 - Dr. Patrick Awosogba to go to school before of school year to discuss IB with staff, i.e. reinstatement, benefits, what it looks, like, what it entails, benefits to students and staff, etc.
- Dr. Patrick Awosogba:
 - Received an email from Eric Grannis regarding a \$500K endowment if MHCS adds an elementary school.
 - Plans to have a zoom meeting with him to get more details.
 - Josh Moreau informed board members that Eric Grannis is Eva Moskowitz’s husband, who is the head of Success Academy.
 - Changes in uniforms for MHCS to align with and embrace IB.
 - Possible visits to other schools including Lynn James Turnbull’s school.
 - Jason Caldwell commented that Connie Lobdell was quite capable and should be responsible for any uniform changes and Sandra Lugo concurred.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve April 16th, 2024 minutes made by Dr. Patrick Awosogba and seconded by Jason Caldwell - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jason Caldwell and seconded by Sandra Lugo – Board reviewed and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:

Sandra Lugo
Name


Signature

May 21st, 2024
Date