



MOTT HALL
CHARTER SCHOOL
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

June 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “**Board**” or “**BoT**”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “**MHCS**”), was held at Mott Hall Charter School, Annex of 1260 Franklin Avenue between 168th and 169th Street, Bronx, NY 10459 on June 3, 2014 beginning at 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present at the meeting: **Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Jesse Margolis, Charles Stern, Natalie Thompson and Francesca Weindling.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director- MHCS, Michael Williams, Principal – MHCS, Alice McIntosh, Jill Jansson, and Marie Fornes.**

Patrick Awosogba, Matthew Friedman and Peter Oroszlany were absent from the meeting.

No parent(s) attended this meeting.

Natalie Thompson presided at this meeting and recorded the minutes as secretary.

Call to order and Public Comment

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Thompson reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Charles Stern made a motion to approve the May 6, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Francesca Weindling. They were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.



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Executive Director Updates

Board Packet Review - Mr. Lesser briefly reviewed the contents of the Board Packet highlighted below. Packets were available prior to Board meeting.

Academic, High School Placement, and Enrichment Program

- 6 formal and 2 informal observations were conducted in the month of May
- Teachers have begun planning and implementing final projects
- PD has focused on classroom management, using Mimeo technology, and 3rd Quarter Accountability
- Successfully place Diego Flores into the Prep 9 program
- Compiled a list of 42 possible public High Schools in the Bronx for our scholars
- Implemented the MHCS High School vision MAP with section 703
- Partnered with the SSAT to administer the grade 8th-11th SSAT to 10 of our rising 8th grade scholars interested in applying to independent/boarding schools
- Took 6 of our top rising 8th grade scholars to visit the Peddie School and meet with Mike Agosto, the Associate Director of Admissions and coordinator of diversity
- Placed 30 of our rising 8th grade scholars in the Artworks internship program by Casita Maria at MHCS to avoid the "summer slide" and to activate their college/career readiness training

Staffing

- Staffing process for next year is still underway. More than half of positions are filled
- Existing staff re-application process is complete
- We continue to work with various vendors to source candidates

Accountability

- Met with Jesse Margolis on June 3rd to determine modifications to Accountability system for next year

Operations, HR and Finance

- Finance Committee met May 12th to review draft budget. Budget will be reviewed and approved at the June 17th Board meeting



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Siting and Elected Official Engagement

- Meeting with building developer to discuss adding a 'Right to Buy' provision in our lease in order for the lease to stay in effect.

Development

- Margaret Fredrickson, Director of Development at World Learning will be joining as Development Consultant one day per week beginning mid-June.

Board Recruitment

- We are continuing to recruit new potential Board members. See attached attendance log

Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

Academic Taskforce – reviewed of the MHCS Accountability Report. Board member Jesse Margolis is reviewing our current metric with an eye toward streamlining the current data points to achieve greater efficiency and accuracy in data collection

Development Taskforce – will work with the Development Consultant on Development Strategy for 2015

Finance Committee - continue to review the MHCS Budget. We will have a more fulsome discussion at the June 17th Annual meeting.

Executive Committee - no updates.

Forward Agenda

1. Annual meeting on June 17, 2014
2. Committee/Taskforce Updates



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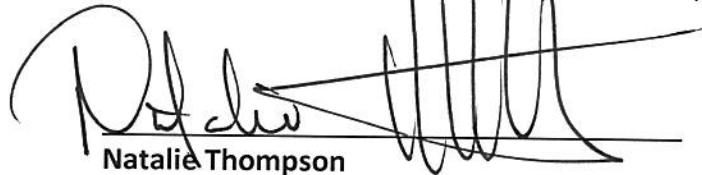
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3. Board Packet Review

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED.



Sarah Calderon
Chair