



MOTT HALL
CHARTER SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY CITY, NEW YORK

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

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July 16, 2013

The annual 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 July 16, 2013, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: **Patrick Awosogba, Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Charles Stern, Natalie Thompson, and Francesca Weindling.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director- MHCS, Michael Williams, Principal – MHCS.**

Xenia Cox, Peter Oroszlany and David Tinagero were absent from the meeting.

No parent(s) attended this meeting.

Sarah Calderon presided at this meeting and Natalie Thompson 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. Calderon reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.

Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.

Executive Director Updates



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

Academic Program

The School ran four Learning Journeys this July. These experimental small group experiences included gardening at the local community garden, learning about the Bronx River with Rocking the Boat, Living the Yoga Lifestyle, and learning about the restaurant business at Amali restaurant which made both NY1 and Bronx news.

Michael Williams and Lydia Cordero attended the Category 2 Heads of School IB training. Over the summer, all teachers are mapping out their curriculum for the year using the IB Unit Planner.

Student Choice Development

The School will be implementing a new approach to student discipline called Choice Development. This approach focuses on helping students understand the choices they make, good and bad. The program includes progressive and restorative

Staffing

The following joined the MHCS team this month; Michael Williams, Principal, Lydia Cordero, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Chris Matesic, Dean of Student Life, Enrichment and High School Placement.

We are actively recruiting for the following teaching positions: 6th grade Humanities, 7th grade ELA, and 2 Special Education Teachers.

Elected Official Engagement, Parent Events and Communications

We held a Family Field Day on the last day of school for students, the afternoon of July 10th. Bronx Lebanon Hospital provided a DJ, bounce houses, face painters, and health and wellness services. Current



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and new parents were invited. We are actively engaging Council Member Helen Foster and Assembly Member Eric Stevenson over the summer.

Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

No Committee/Taskforce updates

Jesse Margolis updated the Board on the Mott Hall Charter School Accountability System, its development and progress to date.

Forward Agenda

1. Committee/Taskforce Updates
2. Board Packet Review

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

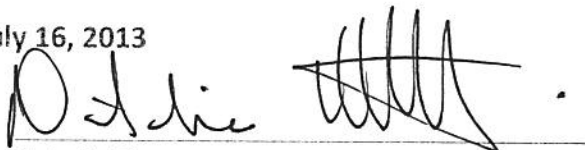


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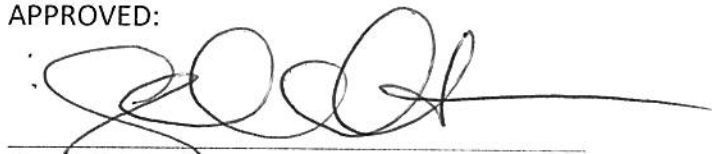
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Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED:

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Sarah Calderon
Chair