



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

November 15th, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (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: Natalie Thompson, Sandra Lugo, Karen Bhatia (Video Conference), Francesca Weindling (Visual Conference), Kevin Murungi (Video Conference), Jason Caldwell (Video Conference)
- The following school staff participated: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director; Yvette Colon, Director of Operations (DOO)

Call to Order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

- After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- Parents present but no public with comments.
- Natalie Thompson:
 - Review of prospective Board members
 - Move quickly to submit paperwork for prospective board members to the State
 - Prospective board members to be invited to future Board meetings – no right to vote
 - Josh Moreau to be notified and updated on personnel changes
 - Extensis is working out well
 - Operation Exodus – have not heard back from them; draft letter from attorney
- Connie Lobdell:
 - Instructional Audit – Dr. Awosogba wants to be thorough and will be reporting
 - Scholars’ performance above district numbers in general
 - Literacy rate going up
 - 6th grade is performing above the other grades
 - Literacy – RTI, Read 180 and small group instruction
 - Developing intervention for math
 - 7th grade teacher turnover
 - Absences due to illness
 - Connie Lobdell is teaching classes to make sure there is consistency in instruction
 - SEL – strong foundation
 - A lot of professional development in this area
 - Focus on SEL and not on remedial practices
 - Not waiting long to “pull the trigger”
 - Mr. Ocasio – Sports
 - \$4,250 for Sports Department (Grant: \$3,500 and DonorsChoose value of \$750)
 - High school process going well
 - Approximately 15 scholars in shelters
 - Home visits and observations have noticed scholars and families who have gone without eating and are struggling
 - Create food pantry
 - Farmer’s market
 - Parent to Parent – where parents will share
 - Natalie Thompson recommended getting in touch with Minerva Delgado regarding food distribution
 - Material Revision

- Waiting on the state to inform us who the new NYSED liaison is going to be
 - Liaison needed specifically for prospective board members
 - Concern is change in enrollment numbers
- Yvette Colon
 - Reviewed Accountability Dashboard
 - Enrollment and Recruitment –
 - 6th grade – 69; 7th grade – 66; 8th grade – 90: 225 scholars
 - 20 applications are in for next year (2023-2024)
 - Scholars in need of coats
 - Working on building relationship with parents/families where they feel comfortable to say and make school aware of their needs, i.e. coats
- Karen Bhatia
 - Inquired about Randall’s Island visit
 - Connie Lobdell informed that the shelter on Randall’s Island was for men only and not families
- Natalie Thompson
 - Suggested the need to staff someone in the area of SEL, e.g. clinician
 - Holiday celebration on Friday, December 9th
 - Invite prospective board members
 - Gifts for staff members

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve October 20th, 2022 minutes made by Jason Caldwell, and seconded by Karen Bhatia - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to add position and search for a clinician made by Sandra Lugo, and seconded by Natalie Thompson - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:
Sandra Lugo
Name



Signature

December 13th, 2022
Date

All trustee meetings for Mott Hall Charter School are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by norms around professionalism and civility in their comments. Complaints against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in executive session.