



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes April 16th, 2024

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 via video conference: Dr. Patrick Awosogba, Karen Bhatia, Sandra Lugo, Don Mabrey, Luis Quan, Jason Caldwell and Lynn James Turnbull.
- 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.
- Motion was made for approval of February 27th, minutes.
- Josh Moreau:
 - o Meeting with Finance Committee
 - o Budget planning for next year
 - o Will meet again two more times (May and June)
 - o Proposed 185 student enrollment for 2024-2025
 - o September 2024 deadline to spend remainder of grant – needs to be used or will lose it. Can be used for supplies.
 - o Monies will cover learning loss from COVID
 - o Grant money is already earmarked in line with spending pattern when grant monies were distributed.
 - o Summer school program funding
- Connie Lobdell:
 - o Mott Hall strategic plan for budget
 - o Reviewed budget with Josh Moreau and enrollment of 185 students for 2024-2025
 - o Social Studies will become Humanities
 - o Reduction in number of staff (ELA, Ops, Deans, Art, subs and SETTS)
 - o Other big-ticket items that will not be renewed, including technology
 - o Reviewed staff positions for 2024-2025
 - o Have lead teachers and department leads
 - o Dr. Awosogba asked when strategic plan will be shared – Connie Lobdell stated it will be shared with everyone in May.
 - o Teachers excessed will be able to find positions.
 - o Not so much support staff.
 - o Excess staff may have opportunities in DOE positions

- o Dr. Awosogba asked Connie Lobdell about the possibility of teachers switching to DOE positions.
- o Current enrollment for 2024-2025 is 178 –
 - 6th – 55 (incoming)
 - 7th – 58
 - 8th – 65
- o Material revision may increase enrollment
- o Reviewed renewal documents being prepared for authorizer’s visit
- o Will submit documents to Dr. Johnson by next week
- o Dr. Awosogba will meet to further discuss the narrative for the state
- o Increase in homeschooling
- o Threats – decrease in enrollment and building space
- o Exploring different tool for enrollment
- o AVELA platform to streamline registration
- Don Mabrey:
 - o Reported on space site visit -
 - They want \$5M to start and will have to rebuild the space
 - Dr. Awosogba –
 - will need a lot of overhead,
 - costs will be high,
 - traffic is difficult and not safe for middle school students
 - parking will be difficult for staff
- Dr. Awosogba:
 - o Reached out to the DOE
 - o Site visit hopefully
 - o Will start a conversation with the school to see if there is more space
 - o As soon as there is a date, whoever is available can meet with the DOE and what they can offer
- Future Plans:
 - o K-8
 - o Addition of a 5th grade
- Committees:
 - o Finance Committee – functioning well
 - o Education – Luis Quan, Don Mabrey
 - o Operations/Site – Don Mabrey at the helm with Dr. Awosogba and Luis Quan

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve February 27th, minutes made by Don Mabrey and seconded by Francesca Weindling - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Don Mabrey and seconded by Karen Bhatia – 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

