

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

### MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

#### March 19, 2013

The monthly 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 March 19, 2013, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: Sarah Calderon, Xenia Cox, Charles Stern and Francesca Wiendling.

The following Trustees were present via phone: Brenda Bravo, Peter Oroszlany, and Natalie Thompson

The following school staff members participated in person: Bob Lesser, Executive Director of MHCS

Patrick Awosogba 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.

After noting that a quorum (via phone and in person) was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Calderon reviewed the agenda and informed everyone that all items requiring a vote would be moved to next month's meeting.

Ms. Calderon informed the Board that individual meetings would be scheduled with each Board member to review and discuss the BoT performance. Outcomes of those discussions will be shared at April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Executive Director Updates**

- A. Board Fundraising Training will be conducted at the April  $16^{\text{th}}$  BoT meeting.
- B. Board Packet Review Mr. Lesser reviewed the contents of the Board Packet. Packets will be available prior to Board meetings. Mr. Lesser gave brief updates on Operations, Finance and Fundraising, Staffing and Accountability.



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Mr. Lesser informed the Board on the upcoming changes to MHCS staffing. Geovanti Steward, Principal of MHCS, has tenured his resignation effective July 12, 2013.

 $\label{eq:mr.lesser} \mbox{Mr. Lesser reviewed the plans to backfill the position as well as the communication plan to inform staff and highlight next steps.}$ 

Mr. Lesser reviewed the New building contingency plan which includes looking at alternative spaces as well as working with the DOE on a lease-back arrangement with the DOE for our current space. The Bot supported this action and review results at the next meeting.

MHCS received an overall good review from the State Education Department's walkthrough on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Calderon and Brenda Bravo were present for the walkthrough.

#### Forward Agenda

- 1. Fundraising Training
- 2. Staffing
- 3. Board Packet Review

## <u>Adjournment</u>

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Natalie Thompson** 

Secretary



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APPROVED:

Sarah Calderon

Chair