

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

March 20, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Mott Hall Charter School (the "MHC"), was held at Mott Hall Science and Technology Academy, 250 E 164th Street, Bronx, NY 10456 on March 20, 2012, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: Patrick Awosogba, Sarah Calderon, Xenia Cox, and Natalie Thompson.

Bob Lesser, Executive Director was also present.

Brenda Bravo, Peter Oroszlany, and Marco Carrion were absent from the meeting.

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

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

<u>Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes</u>. February 28, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Executive Director updates. Mr. Lesser gave a status update on the following;

A. Student Recruitment

- (a) Student recruitment started with outreach to twenty schools as well as onsite presentations at two schools. We have already received approximately 55 applications thus far.
- (b) The Parent notification process will begin during the second week of April and an open house will be held last two week in April, date, time and location are being confirmed.
- B. Local Community Outreach



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(a) Meeting are being scheduled, pending availability, with district managers and board chairs of Community Board 3 & 4, District 8 & 9 as well as City Council members, Assembly Members and Senators. We are also scheduling meetings with the Office of the Bronx Borough President – External Affairs.

C. Staffing Update

- (a) Principal hire: Giovanni Steward to start on April 2, 2012.
- (b) Director of Operations interviews are underway. Two finalists are under consideration. Decisions will be finalized shortly.

D. Facility/Space Updates

- (a) Temporary incubation site has been approved by the DOE. Public Hearing will be held on April 16th.
- (b) Lease agreement for permanent space has been reviewed by Mr. Lesser, Ms. Cox and outside counsel. Negotiations are currently underway.

Committee and Task Force Updates

A. Fundraising Task Force

Taskforce review MHC 2012 Funding Strategy, a long term approach to sustained funding from academia, corporate sector and government. They recommend that MHC create an Advisory Council to help provide guidance on creative ways to seed ventures. The Board unanimously supported the creation on an Advisory Council.

Other Business. Sarah Calderon reviewed the forward calendar items April Board Meeting:



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- 1. MHC dashboard and other key metrics
 - 2. Policy handbook /Financial Controls
 - 3. Board Member Recruitment

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Thompson

Secretary

APPROVED:

Sarah Calderon