



MOTT HALL
CHARTER SCHOOL
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

September 25, 2012

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 September 25, 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, Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Xenia Cox, Natalie Thompson.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director of MHCS, Geovanti Sterward, Principal, MHCS and LaKiesha Meredith, ELA Teacher.**

The following Trustee Candidates participated: Francesca Wiending, David Tinagero

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

Parent(s) also attended this meeting. (See sign in sheet)

Sarah Calderon presided at this meeting, and Natalie Thompson recorded the minutes as secretary. Brenda Bravo translated to Spanish where necessary. After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Calderon reviewed the agenda and BoT members were asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of parents in attendance.

Meeting was open to public comment

Comment 1: Parents inquired about the availability of jackets (outer wear), sweaters and cardigans. Mr. Lesser highlighted the dates that uniforms would be available and indicated that the information would be posted on the website. In addition flyers would be sent home with students.

Comment 2: Parents wanted to know when speech therapy classes would be available.



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Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2012, meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved on August 22, 2012, in an effort to expedite the approval by SED of the following Trustees; Charles Stern, David Tinagero, and Francesca Weindling. Approval by SED is still pending

Executive Director Updates

- A. Board Packet Review - Mr. Lesser reviewed the contents of the Board Packet. Packets will be available prior to Board meetings.
- B. MHCS Performance Update - Mr. Steward provided an update on school stats and performance levels. While attendance is strong over the course of 3 yrs. additional focus and support needs to be given to math and ELA.

Fundraising Update

Ms. Thompson gave an update on the Fundraising Strategy. The taskforce has identified ten targeted funding streams as well as the target source, timing and budget. The taskforce is in the process of building the RFP template and establishing a Chairman's Council. Communications to the individual donor base continues on an on-going basis.

Open Session was called to a close and Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Lesser reviewed the candidate slate and final candidate for the Business Manager position at MHCS. Business Manager will start with the school in October. Executive Session was closed at 6:45pm

Items for Board Approval

- A. The Board unanimously supported the hire of the Business Manager.



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- B. The board unanimously approved the discontinuation of MHCS's relationship with Food Service Provider "Red Rabbit ".

Other Business

1. MHCS will start the Saturday Academy and host 20 over the school year. Focus will be on ELA and Math.

Forward Agenda

1. MHCS dashboard and other key metrics
2. Committee and Task Force Updates

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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Natalie Thompson
Secretary

APPROVED:

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Sarah Calderon