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

April 1, 2014

The regular 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 April 1, 2014 beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

The following Trustees were present at the meeting: **Brenda Bravo, Sarah Calderon, Charles Stern, Natalie Thompson and Francesca Weindling.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director- MHCS.**

Patrick Awosogba and **Peter Oroszlany** were absent from the meeting.

Jesse Margolis and **Matthew Friedman** attended the meeting as proposed Board members.

No parent(s) attended this meeting.

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

Call to order and Public Comment

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. Ms. Calderon reviewed the agenda and opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. Sarah Calderon made a motion to approve the March 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Natalie Thompson. They were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.



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2. Charles Stern made a motion to move to Executives session for the last 30 minutes of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Sarah Calderon. Board unanimously agreed.

Executive Director Updates

Board Packet Review - Mr. Lesser briefly reviewed the contents of the Board Packet highlighted below. Packets were available prior to Board meeting.

Academic, High School Placement, and Enrichment Program

Application for IB Candidacy submitted April 1st.
Spring Break Academy focusing on Mathematics remediation and acceleration scheduled for 3 days over Spring Break. Thirty-one 6th graders and thirty-seven 7th graders have been invited.
MHCS is collaborating with Casita Maria on grant for afterschool program.

Staffing

Staffing plan has been finalized and staff hiring protocol has been finalized.
Preliminary round of phone interviews will be completed by Thursday April 3rd. Interviews and demonstration lessons to follow.
We are looking at On-Ramps as a potential firm to source candidates.

Accountability

Board member Jesse Margolis and DCIA Lydia Cordero are determining metric for student directed learning.

Operations, HR and Finance

Science lab solution is being determined by Director of Operations in consultation with DCIA, ED, and former Board member Xenia Cox. First draft of budget for next year has been developed. State Budget has been approved. See attached summary document.



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Siting and Elected Official Engagement

No new updates.

Development

A team from Mott Hall Charter will be running in the May 4th Riverdale Run/Walk. Proceeds will go toward supporting summer enrichment for our students at Girls Leadership Institute Camp and STEM Camp at the US Naval Academy.

Board Recruitment

We are continuing to recruit new potential Board members.

Committee/ Taskforce and other Updates

Academic Taskforce - no updates.

Development Taskforce - no updates.

Finance Committee - no updates.

Executive Committee - no updates.

Forward Agenda

1. Report Back from:

- a. **Jessenia Cursio**, Director of Social and Emotional Health will present on a more fulsome implementation framework and timeline for the Sanctuary Model that better reflects the alignment to other programs offered at MHCS.



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2. Committee/Taskforce Updates
3. Board Packet Review

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
Chair