



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes July 17th, 2023

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 5:12 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

- The following Trustees were present: Karen Bhatia (Video Conference), Sandra Lugo (Video Conference), Francesca Weindling (Video Conference), Dr. Patrick Awosogba (Video Conference), Jason Caldwell (Video Conference), Luis Quan (Video Conference), and Don Mabrey (Video Conference)
- The following trustee was absent: Luis Quan
- The following school staff and guests were present: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director; and Nicole Mena, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

- After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.
- No public with comments.
- Karen Bhatia:
 - Opened the meeting.
 - Approval of June 21st, 2023, Board meeting minutes.
 - What is being done regarding recruitment?
 - Connie Lobdell:
 - Canvassing twice weekly
 - Weekly calls to parents
 - Set registration hours for the parents.
 - Incentives for parents
 - New marketing video
 - Displays at Bay Plaza, Bronx, NY
 - Postcards to parents through Staples Direct
 - Mother’s concerns from board meeting on May 25th, 2023
 - Connie Lobdell – There will be training for deans and counselors to address concerns.
- Connie Lobdell:
 - Enrollment – recommended enrollment of 240 students for 2023-2024
 - Budget will need to be reviewed again due to change in number of students expected to attend next school year.
 - Most parents have declined enrollment due to distance and commute.
 - Don Mabrey:
 - Suggested that recruitment should add the availability of buses for 6th graders who live a mile or more from the school, which may result in an increase to enrollment.
 - Looking to get three (3) full classes for each grade.

- Possible use of extra room on the 5th floor for a self-contained class
- Ice Cream Event – Wednesday, July 19th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Approximately 30 had RSVP'd to attend event.
- Regent Scores:
 - Algebra Regents – 36% of the students passed.
 - Living Environment – 41% of the students passed
 - Most of the 8th grade students took the regents.
- Instructional Standard Result:
 - Presented Math and ELA performance from 2022-2023 and percentages compared to the city.

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve June 23rd, 2023 minutes made by Don Mabrey, and seconded by Jason Caldwell - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:

Sandra Lugo

Name



Signature

August 23rd, 2023

Date

All trustee meetings for Mott Hall Charter School are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by norms around professionalism and civility in their comments. Complaints against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in the executive session.